Accreditation and Quality Assurance

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master’s degree program in nursing and doctor of nursing practice program at Thomas Edison State University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

- COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION (CCNE)
  655 K Street NW, Suite 750
  Washington, DC 20001
  (202) 887-6791
  www.ccneaccreditation.org

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Thomas Edison State University is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

- NEW JERSEY BOARD OF NURSING
  P.O. Box 45010
  Newark, NJ 07101
  (973) 504-6430
  www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/pages/default.aspx

Thomas Edison State University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

- MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
  3264 Market St.
  Philadelphia, PA 19104
  (267) 284-5000
  www.msche.org

The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing Prospectus provides an overview of the programs offered by the School. The information contained in this Prospectus is current as of July 1, 2018. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of the information contained in this Prospectus, the University reserves the right to make changes without prior notice.
The University specializes in providing flexible, high-quality nursing programs tailored to the working adult student.

Greetings,

As an early pioneer in distance education for nurses, the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State University now has 35 years of experience in providing excellence in nursing education through quality and flexible programs for students who desire an alternative to campus-based learning. During these years, the School has grown and achieved many goals, including the development of both an Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program and a doctoral degree.

Along with the growth of our programs, partnerships with major healthcare institutions have been developed to further assist in the advancement and transformation of nursing through education. We provide a flexible and seamless pathway for students to earn the BSN, the MSN and the DNP degrees.

As we continue in our mission to provide high-quality educational opportunities for adult learners, we are committed to upholding the standards of the nursing profession and empowering tomorrow’s leaders as they transform healthcare across the nation. In celebration of our expansive history, we have highlighted some of the milestones that have provided our foundation for this exciting future. We invite you to review these in the special two-page section on Pages 12-13 as you read this Prospectus.

I thank you for your interest. If you have questions about any of our programs, you may visit the University website at www.tesu.edu/nursing, contact the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at (609) 633-6460 or email nursing@tesu.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Filomela A. Marshall, EdD, RN, CNE
Dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing
Established in 1972, Thomas Edison State University is one of New Jersey’s senior public institutions of higher education and one of the oldest institutions in the country designed specifically for adults. The University offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in more than 100 areas of study as well as undergraduate, graduate and professional certificates.

The University has pioneered the use of the latest technology to develop flexible, high-quality educational programs for self-directed adults and is a national leader in the assessment of adult learning.

About the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing

The mission of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State University is guided by the mission of the University, which is to “provide flexible, high-quality, collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults.”

The School offers online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) and RN-BSN/MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) degree programs and an online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program as well as graduate nursing certificate programs, all designed for experienced RNs. The programs are flexible, with few course prerequisites. Students are expected to earn a minimum of 3 credits per year at the University that apply to degree requirements to remain on active status in the program.

The School also offers an Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program, which is a 12-month, 120-credit Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program designed for adults who already possess a non-nursing bachelor’s degree completed prior to acceptance and are interested in becoming registered nurses. The program prepares graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

“Thomas Edison University gave me the opportunity to complete my BSN and MSN a year apart, while working two full-time jobs (my regular 8-4:30, then my job as a wife and mom). It was definitely not easy, but the online course work was so streamlined, and I liked the flexibility and the ease of the curriculum.”

Meesha Carey, BSN ’15, MSN ’16
Frequently Asked Questions

**Are the nursing programs accredited?**

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**Do I need to travel to the University?**

No. With the exception of the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program (see Page 11), nursing programs are offered via an online learning management platform format in 12-week terms on a quarterly basis. All advisement services can be completed over the telephone or online.

**How and when can I apply?**

With rolling admissions, RNs can apply any day of the year, 24 hours a day. To apply online, visit www.tesu.edu/apply. For information on the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program, see Page 11. For information on the DNP program, see Page 8.

**What happens after I apply?**

If you are accepted, you will receive an acceptance letter by email with important information on how to register for courses. If you have not received your acceptance letter within two weeks of submitting your application, please contact the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services at (609) 777-5680 (option 2) or via email at nursing@tesu.edu. It is important that you check your email account frequently for important information from the University.

**When can I speak to an advisor?**

Once you are accepted, your transcripts are evaluated to see what previously earned credits transfer. You will be contacted via email once completed. When your evaluation is complete, it is suggested that you make an advisement appointment. You may schedule a telephone or in-person appointment with an academic nursing advisor by using the Advisement Appointment Scheduling tool that you can find in your myEdison® portal.

**How long will it take to complete my degree?**

On average, RNs complete their BSN in approximately 24 months and the MSN in 30 months. Students in our Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program complete their degree in 12 months. The DNP is completed in 18 months or 36 months.

**How often are nursing courses offered?**

Nursing courses are offered four times per year, January, April, July and October. Non-nursing courses are offered every month. View the registration dates for the current academic year on the University website. While all required BSN nursing courses are offered four times each year, some graduate specialty courses, Practicums and electives are offered every other term. For information on the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program, see Page 11. For information on the DNP program, see Page 8.

**Do you accept international students?**

Yes, international students can earn degrees and certificates from Thomas Edison State University. The University does not sponsor foreign national students for F-1 or J-1 visa status. Please see the University website regarding all policies on foreign students and acceptance of foreign credit at www.tesu.edu/academics/catalog/International-Student-Policies.cfm.

**How do I contact the School if my questions aren’t answered online?**

Email the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing directly at nursing@tesu.edu. Students can submit a HelpDesk ticket via myEdison®.
Overview

RN-BSN/MSN Degree Programs

RN-BSN/MSN Degree Programs

Overview

RNs can apply any day of the year. With maximum credit for prior learning and many credit earning options, RNs can achieve their educational goals in a manner that saves both time and money. With highly interactive, asynchronous online group discussions, adult independent learners become part of a community of learners where experiences are shared and learning is enhanced.

The BSN degree will be awarded on certification of completion of degree requirements to students in both the RN-BSN program and the RN-BSN/MSN program. Four courses (12 credits of graduate study) included in undergraduate degree requirements: Health Policy; Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues; Advanced Health Assessment; and Financial Management in Nursing Practice may be applied toward MSN degree requirements for students continuing on for that degree at Thomas Edison State University.*

Provisional Admission to the RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN programs are open to senior nursing students or graduates of an RN diploma program of nursing or a regionally accredited college or university in the United States with an associate degree in nursing awaiting RN licensure. Students provisionally admitted to the program may enroll in NUR-342, HRS-200 or PHI-475. Provisionally admitted students will have one year from the date of Provisional Admission to obtain RN licensure. Failure to do so within that time, will result in removal from the program.

Full Admission to the RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN programs requires that the applicant must be a graduate of an RN diploma program of nursing or a regionally accredited college or university in the United States with an associate degree in nursing. A current and valid RN license, recognized in the United States, must be submitted for full admission to the program.

BSN Degree Program Requirements

The BSN degree program requires a minimum of 120 credits.

General Education

The credit requirement in general education provides the foundation for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Many of these credits are earned through transfer and prior learning assessment.

Professional Nursing

The nursing requirement includes credit in lower-division nursing and upper-division nursing.

Lower-Division Nursing

The lower-division nursing requirement will be satisfied by transfer credit from an associate degree nursing program or by the award of credit for diploma nursing course work.

Upper-Division Nursing

The upper-division nursing requirement may be completed entirely by online courses offered by the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. Four graduate courses will be completed by all RN-BSN degree students and may be applied to the MSN degree.

Electives

Elective credits of college-level course work and examinations that do not duplicate other credits may be used. Additional lower-division nursing courses may be accepted.

*Only 9 credits will transfer into the MSM Nurse Educator area of specialty.
Credit Distribution Requirements
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 48

INTELLECTUAL AND PRACTICAL SKILLS 15
Written Communication 6
Oral Communication 3
Quantitative Literacy 3
Information Literacy 3

CIVIC AND GLOBAL LEARNING 9
Diversity 3
Ethics 3
Civic Engagement 3

KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN CULTURES 9

UNDERSTANDING THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL WORLD 9

MATHEMATICS 3

GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE 3

AREA OF STUDY REQUIREMENTS
PROFESSIONAL NURSING CREDITS 48

LOWER-DIVISION/CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING 20

UPPER-DIVISION 28
NUR-342 Advancing Nursing Practice 3
NUR-516 Advanced Health Assessment* 3 GR
NUR-418 Research in Nursing 3
NUR-428 Leadership and Management in Nursing 3
NUR-531 Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues* 3 GR
NUR-529 Health Policy* 3 GR
NUR-582 Financial Management in Nursing Practice* 3 GR
NUR-443 Public Health Nursing 4
NUR-445 Validating Nursing Competence 3

ELECTIVES (May be fulfilled by lower-division transfer) 24

TOTAL 120

Degree Requirements: Statistics (3 credits); Ethics (3 credits);
Anatomy and Physiology I,II (6 credits); Microbiology (3 credits)

*Graduate-level course
**Statistic prerequisite
***These courses are taken at the end of the BSN program. Clearance from a nursing advisor is required to register for these courses.

Suggested Plan of Study for Upper-Division Nursing Courses for RN-BSN Program

9 Months

TERM | COURSE
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1 | NUR-342
NUR-516*
NUR-418**
2 | NUR-428
NUR-531*
NUR-529*
NUR-582
3 | NUR-443***
NUR-445***

12 Months

TERM | COURSE
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1 | NUR-342
NUR-516*
NUR-418**
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NUR-531*
NUR-529*
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15 Months

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NUR-516*
NUR-418**
2 | NUR-428
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NUR-582*
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NUR-445***

27 Months

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NUR-516*
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NUR-582*
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NUR-445***

Suggested Nursing Electives

HEA-305 Women's Health
HEA-306 Men's Health
HPS-200 Statistics for the Health Professions
NUR-614 Professional Writing from Idea to Publication
SOS-320 The Management of Stress and Tension
MSN Degree Program Requirements
The MSN degree requires a minimum of 36 credits consisting of different combinations of courses: core, direct-care core, electives, specialty and Practicum. Two years of nursing experience is recommended, and a BSN degree from an accredited program is required.

Nurse Educator
MSN in Nurse Educator Courses and Credit Allocation
The Nurse Educator program prepares graduates for teaching roles in healthcare and academic settings. A Graduate Certificate in Nurse Educator is awarded in addition to the degree upon MSN program completion.

CORE COURSES
- NUR-529 Health Policy
- NUR-530 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice*
- NUR-531 Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues
- NUR-582 Financial Management in Nursing Practice
- NUR-600 Nursing Leadership in a Global Community

DIRECT-CARE CORE COURSES
- NUR-516 Advanced Health Assessment
- NUR-640 Advanced Pathophysiology
- NUR-650 Advanced Pharmacology

SPECIALTY COURSES
- NUR-630 Theoretical Foundations and Instructional Strategies in Nursing Education
- NUR-700 Curriculum Theory and Development in Nursing Education
- NUR-710 Testing, Assessment and Evaluation

PRACTICUM COURSES
- NUR-740 Nurse Educator: Seminar and Practicum I**
- NUR-750 Nurse Educator: Seminar and Practicum II**

TOTAL
- 36

*Successful completion of a 3-credit statistics course is a prerequisite for NUR-530.
**Completion of 150 onground, supervised hours is required in each Practicum course. Application for Practicum placement is submitted six months in advance. The Practicums must be taken consecutively at the same facility.

Nursing Informatics
MSN in Nursing Informatics Courses and Credit Allocation
The Nursing Informatics program prepares graduates to function as nursing informatics specialists. A Graduate Certificate in Nursing Informatics is awarded in addition to the degree upon MSN program completion.

CORE COURSES
- NUR-529 Health Policy
- NUR-530 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice*
- NUR-531 Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues
- NUR-582 Financial Management in Nursing Practice
- NUR-600 Nursing Leadership in a Global Community

ELECTIVE COURSES
Electives may be selected from nursing elective course offerings, direct-care core courses and/or alternate specialty area courses.
For example, students may take two courses in nursing administration or nursing education to enhance their skill base and work toward a future certificate in another nursing specialty.

SPECIALTY COURSES
- NUR-631 Nursing Informatics: Systems Life Cycle
- NUR-701 Nursing Informatics: Databases and Knowledge Management
- NUR-711 Nursing Informatics: Consumer Informatics and Communication Technologies

PRACTICUM COURSES
- NUR-721 Nursing Informatics: Seminar and Practicum I**
- NUR-731 Nursing Informatics: Seminar and Practicum II**

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**Nursing Administration**

**MSN IN NURSING ADMINISTRATION COURSES AND CREDIT ALLOCATION**

The Nursing Administration program prepares graduates for the role of nurse administrator in healthcare settings. A Graduate Certificate in Nursing Administration is awarded in addition to the degree upon MSN program completion.

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“My learning experience has provided me with the tools and honed my ability to be confident and to be successful as a nurse educator. In addition, it provided me the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. Since I started my master’s degree, I became actively involved with our nursing research hospital committee as well as with a critical care specialty professional organization as a nurse leader.”

Adeluisa De Guzman, MSN ’15
Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is offered online with a specialty area in Systems-Level Leadership that can be completed full time in 18 months or part time in 36 months. The 36-credit program focuses on the improvement of evidence-based outcomes using theoretical knowledge and systems-level initiatives to advance nurses to the highest level of nursing practice. The program prepares nurse leaders with competencies in advanced nursing practice, organizational leadership, economics and finance, healthcare policy and technology.

Program Highlights

- All courses are offered online and available 24/7
- Full-time program can be completed in 18 months
- Part-time program can be completed in 36 months
- Up to 9 doctoral-level credits may be transferred toward the DNP
- No physical campus visits are required
- W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing works closely with students for Practicum placement

Admissions Requirements

- MSN degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and a school of nursing accredited by a national nursing accrediting body OR BSN degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and a school of nursing accredited by a national nursing accrediting body and master’s degree in a related discipline from a regionally accredited college or university
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the master’s program
- Two (2) current professional letters of recommendation from a healthcare supervisor or professional colleague, or from a faculty member who has taught the applicant (dated and on organizational letterhead)
- Well-written statement of background and goals*
- Well-written scholarly essay*
- Relevant professional work experience recommended
- Current valid unencumbered registered nurse license in the United States in the state where the DNP project will be completed

*Candidates should visit www.tesu.edu/dnp to access instructions for the statement of background and goals and the scholarly essay.

www.tesu.edu/dnp
Doctor of Nursing Practice

COURSE SEQUENCE

Full-Time Option (2 courses per term)
Part-Time Option (1 course per term)

NUR-763
Biostatistics and Epidemiology

NUR-800
DNP Role Development

NUR-805
Scholarly Inquiry: A Basis for Evidence-Based Practice

NUR-810
Health, Healthcare Policy and Politics

NUR-815
Information Systems and Technology Impacting Healthcare Delivery

NUR-820
Integrating and Evaluating Population Health in Advanced Nursing Practice

NUR-825
Health Economics and Finance

NUR-832
Organization and Systems Leadership I

NUR-842
Organization and Systems Leadership II

NUR-902
Scholarly Immersion I: Project Identification and Mentored Practicum

NUR-912
Scholarly Immersion II: Project Management and Mentored Practicum

NUR-922
Scholarly Immersion III: Project Completion and Mentored Practicum

“I searched for nearly two years for a program that would match my professional aspirations, but wasn’t finding anything that I considered exceptional. There were certainly good doctoral programs out there in healthcare administration, but none with the focus on nursing practice and administration that I was seeking. I loved the idea of earning my doctorate in systems-level leadership, because that area really is my passion.”

Vi-Anne Antrum, DNP student
Graduate Nursing Certificate Programs

The graduate nursing certificate programs are designed for experienced RNs with a master’s degree in nursing who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to practice in another area of nursing specialty. The certificate programs consist of specialty and Practicum courses and are available in each area of specialty offered in the MSN degree program. The competencies identified, and the theory and Practicum courses, are the same for the certificate programs as for students completing the same area of specialty in the MSN degree program. A certificate in the selected area of specialty is awarded on program completion and submission of the Request for Graduate Nursing Certificate form, pending clearance by the University.

Note: Successful completion of NUR-516, NUR-640 and NUR-650 is recommended for enrollment in the nurse educator certificate program.

Nurse Educator

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Nursing Informatics

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Nursing Administration

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Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program

Change Your Life in 12 Months

The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program is a rigorous, 12-month Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. It is designed for adults who already possess a non-nursing bachelor’s degree and who are interested in becoming registered nurses.

The 120-credit program prepares graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Applicants are required to have earned all general education and nursing prerequisites prior to being accepted into the program.* Due to the rigorous and accelerated nature of this full-time program, outside employment is not recommended.

Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Requirements

| GENERAL EDUCATION AND NURSING PREREQUISITES | 60 |
| PROFESSIONAL NURSING REQUIREMENTS | 60 |
| TOTAL | 120 |

Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor’s degree (non-nursing) from a regionally accredited college or university completed prior to acceptance.
- An earned cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the previous degree.
- All science prerequisites completed within five years prior to the date of acceptance.
- A grade of B or better in all science and statistics prerequisite courses.
- A grade of B or better in any prior nursing courses.
- Completion of all general education and nursing prerequisites prior to acceptance.
- Criminal background check, drug screen, health and immunization verification, malpractice and health insurance, and CPR certification are required during first term.

Program Highlights

- Campus-based courses are offered at Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, N.J.
- All online courses are asynchronous, which means students log in to complete course work when it is convenient for them, but within the timeframe and requirement of the course.
- Onsite free parking available.
- State-of-the-art simulation laboratory.
- Clinical nursing experiences in Magnet-designated facility.
- Classes are designed for highly motivated independent adult learners.
- Program is offered in four consecutive 12-week terms – with two cohorts per year in April and October.

Application Guidelines - Next Steps:

- Submit a completed application with nonrefundable fee.**
- Include a current resume.
- Include a personal statement.
- Provide two signed letters of recommendation on organizational letterhead (academic and professional).
- Interviews may be conducted for eligible applicants.
- Review FAQs on nursing website.
- Submit all official transcripts and all other required documents to NursingCAS (The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs). Partner institution applicants and TESU alumni apply through the University application.

For full application details, please visit www.tesu.edu/2degreeBSN.

*Credit will not be applied for any science or math courses by examination.

**The application fee is waived for Thomas Edison State University alumni. For more information about the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program, please visit www.tesu.edu/2degreeBSN or email nursing@tesu.edu.
Highlighting 35 Years of Nursing Education Excellence

In its first 35 years, the nursing program at Thomas Edison State University has grown to become one of the largest nursing programs in New Jersey. Today, the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing has more than 3,000 graduates and more than 1,500 enrolled students, making it one of the largest online programs of its kind.

1983
- Thomas Edison State College establishes its RN-BSN program for registered nurses in New Jersey. By December 1984, more than 230 students are enrolled in the program.

1990
- The RN-BSN program receives its initial accreditation through The National League for Nursing.

2001
- Dr. Susan M. O’Brien is named associate dean. The RN-BSN program transitions to an online format.

2004
- The College establishes the School of Nursing. Dr. Susan M. O’Brien is named dean of the new school. Out-of-state recruitment begins.

2005
- Courses for the RN-BSN/MSN degree program and master’s Nurse Educator certificate program are developed.
- The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awards the College a $600,000 grant to develop a minority nurse educator project. In its first three years, the program recruits and trains nearly 60 minority nurse educators from around the country, establishing the School of Nursing as a national leader in the area of training minority nurse educators in online pedagogy. It was awarded again in 2008 for an additional three years.
- Thomas Edison State College Honor Society of Nursing is established.

2006
- The first annual Distinguished Lectureship on Diversity in Nursing is held at Thomas Edison State College.
- The RN-BSN/MSN and MSN degree programs are launched. In its first year, 59 students enroll in the MSN program.

2007
- The charter for Upsilon Rho chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society is approved.

(above) The first graduates of the BSN program at a College reception.

(above) Nursing staff, students and mentors celebrate the charter ceremony for Upsilon Rho, the Thomas Edison State College chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, held in 2008.

(above) The first Distinguished Lectureship on Diversity in Nursing is held at Thomas Edison State College.
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2008
- The RN-BSN/MSN degree program received its initial accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

2009
- Online database of minority educators launched as part of Health Resources and Services Administration-funded effort.

2010
- MSN degree specialties in Nursing Administration and Nursing Informatics launched.
- School of Nursing named in honor of W. Cary Edwards, a distinguished community leader and public servant.

2011
- Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program launched.

2012
- Dr. Filomela A. Marshall named new dean.
- Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

2013
- Nursing simulation laboratory opens.

2014
- Construction begins in Trenton, N.J., on Glen Cairn Hall (renamed George A. Pruitt Hall in 2017), which will be the new home of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing.

2015
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing (NCIN) funding received to provide scholarships for Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program students.
- School receives $650,000 grant from Helene Fuld Health Trust to create endowed scholarships for Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program.
- 100 percent NCLEX-RN pass rate in Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program — again!

2016
- Thomas Edison State College achieves University status.
- DNP, first doctoral program at the University approved.
- First DNP cohort starts course work.
- W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing moved to George A. Pruitt Hall.
- Pre-BSN program developed for nursing students of associate and diploma schools for seamless transition into the RN-BSN program.

2017
- 100 percent NCLEX-RN pass rate for Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program — again!

2018
- Dr. Merodie A. Hancock named president of Thomas Edison State University.
Admissions Requirements and Process

Applicants to the RN-BSN/MSN degree program must:

- have a current unencumbered RN license valid in the United States;
- submit a completed online Application, with nonrefundable fee to Thomas Edison State University. Current U.S. RN licensure will be validated. The Application may be found online at www.tesu.edu/nursing; and
- have all official diploma nursing school and college transcripts and college-level examination score reports sent to Thomas Edison State University, Office of the Registrar, 111 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608.

Applicants to the MSN degree program and the graduate nursing certificates must also have:

- an official transcript sent from the institution where the BSN degree was awarded and applicants for the certificate programs must have an official transcript sent from the institution where the master's degree in nursing was awarded to Thomas Edison State University, Office of the Registrar, 111 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608;
- a qualitative evaluation of the applicant's undergraduate educational work from a regionally accredited college or university. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 is recommended to be successful in the program;
- a qualitative assessment of the applicant's personal statements, essays and two letters of reference; and
- relevance of work experience and career objectives to the program objectives. Two years of work experience is recommended. A resume is required.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum System Requirements for Windows and Mac:

- Screen resolution of at least 800 x 600 pixels
- Speakers or headphones for audio playback
- Optical Drive
- Stable internet connection
- A current and up-to-date browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Safari, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
- PDF Viewing Software (Adobe Acrobat, Foxit Reader, SumatraPDF, Cute PDF, etc.)
- Windows XP or above; Mac Leopard 10.5 or above

Preferred System Requirements for Windows and Mac:

- Screen resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels or greater
- Speakers or headphones for audio playback
- Webcam and microphone required for certain courses
- Optical Drive
- Broadband internet connection of 1 mbs or greater
- A current and up-to-date browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Safari, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
- PDF Viewing Software (Adobe Acrobat, Foxit Reader, SumatraPDF, Cute PDF, etc.)
- Windows 7 or above; Mac Snow Leopard 10.6 or above

Generous Transfer Credit Policy

Thomas Edison State University only accepts transfer credits earned at other regionally accredited colleges and universities. Bachelor's degree candidates may transfer an unlimited number of credits from a regionally accredited four-year institution.

- Up to 60 credits toward lower-division nursing requirements for BSN degree, may be awarded for diploma nursing course work on the basis of current RN license and official transcript.
Up to 90 credits may be accepted from a community college for the BSN degree.*

There is no age restriction on acceptance of credit for general education or lower-division nursing requirements.

Previously completed upper-division nursing courses must have grade equivalencies of C or better and be newer than seven years at the time of application to the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing for acceptance toward program requirements.

Previously completed graduate nursing courses must have grade equivalencies of B or better and be newer than seven years for acceptance toward the MSN degree program and certificate requirements.

A maximum of 12 graduate credits may be accepted in transfer toward MSN degree program requirements.

A maximum of 6 graduate credits may be accepted in transfer toward the Nurse Educator certificate and Nursing Administration certificate programs, and a maximum of 9 credits toward the Nursing Informatics certificate program.

No graduate entrance exams (GRE, GMAT, etc.) are required for acceptance into the MSN program.

*Restrictions apply

Credit Earning Methods

Multiple options are available for earning credits and completing program requirements. All RN-BSN/MSN nursing requirements are offered through the School as online courses, and all degree requirements may be met through the University by course, examination or prior learning assessment (PLA). Practicum credit may not be earned through PLA. Degree-seeking students who want to earn credits elsewhere or by methods other than online courses should consult a nursing advisor prior to registering for the course or examination to ensure credit will meet degree requirements. All credit earning methods available through the University are listed in the University Catalog and are available on the University website at www.tesu.edu.

Library Services

All enrolled students have access to many resources provided through the New Jersey State Library and through web links embedded in each nursing course. Library information is provided with enrollment materials.

Technical Support

Technical support is provided by the University and in each nursing course. Students should familiarize themselves with the computer requirements listed in the Admissions Requirements section of this publication and the University’s Catalog to ensure access to the courses and success in course completion.

Financial Aid

Students may request information on financial aid available through the University by calling (609) 633-9658 or online at www.tesu.edu. All students on financial aid must familiarize themselves with the guidelines and rules for sequence of courses to maximize use of financial aid in the nursing programs.

Scholarships Available!

All University and W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing publications are available on the University website at www.tesu.edu/publications.
Directory for Enrolled Students

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Course registrations
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