



UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS
ARLINGTON

**COLLEGE OF NURSING
AND HEALTH INNOVATION**

About the University of Texas at Arlington and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation

The University of Texas at Arlington is a comprehensive urban-serving Carnegie classified very high research activity (R-1) institution located in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex educating nearly 60,000 degree-seeking students globally. The College of Nursing and Health Innovation includes the College of Nursing and the Department of Kinesiology. The Department of Kinesiology offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in kinesiology and public health.

[The College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#) is a leader in education and research regarding the care of the older adult. Our Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner programs are growing, with approximately 900 students. A large portion of those students attend online, but the curriculum and many of the faculty are the same across all delivery formats. The College recognizes that skilled, evidence based, compassionate nursing care for older adults is a critical need and has made the education of nurses in gerontology focused programs a priority. We are designated as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing and are accredited by CCNE.

Graduate Nursing Programs in Gerontology at UT Arlington

The College established its Gerontological Nurse Practitioner program in 1984. The initial Adult Nurse Practitioner and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner tracks have evolved into the current Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track and Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track as a result of the 2008 Consensus Model. Post-master's certificates are also available in each track. Pass rates in both programs have been consistently high, exceeding 95 percent on the first attempt. Faculty in these programs regularly serve as content experts, consultants, and speakers for the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Texas Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association. Many of these same faculty also maintain active clinical practices which focus on older adult populations.

We currently offer MSN degrees in [Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner](#), [Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner](#), and a new combined Adult-Gerontology Primary and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner degree. [Post-master's certificates](#) for these degree plans are also available. In addition, we recently launched a Gerontology Healthcare Certificate for post-baccalaureate nurses and other health professionals who wish to specialize in the care of older adults. Students may choose from multiple course offerings focused on the care of older adults. These courses can also enhance the learning of doctoral students who are studying solutions for older adult health care issues.

We offer a traditional research focused PhD as well as a practice focused DNP. Currently we have generous scholarships available for graduate students in our gerontology programs.

Gerontological Nursing Research at UT Arlington



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Dr. Marco Brotto, Professor, George W. and Hazel M. Jay Professor, Director of PhD Program in Nursing and Director of UTA's Muscle Bone Lab joined us in fall 2015. He was previously an endowed professor at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. Dr. Brotto's expertise and research interests include cellular level of muscle and bone metabolism and the interplay of muscle with bone in osteoporosis and other forms of bone regeneration. He has received millions of dollars in grants from several organizations, including the National Institutes of Health.

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Dr. Kathryn Daniel

Dr. Kathryn Daniel, Associate Professor, has been the director of the Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program since 2007. She is a fellow of the American Geriatrics Society and a board member of the Gerontology Nursing Certification Commission. Her research focuses on health and independence for older adults using technology applications.

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Dr. Donna Hamby

Dr. Donna Hamby, Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing, is the director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Her research focuses on the outcomes of nurse practitioners managing the post-acute care of adults and older adults with chronic diseases.

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