



# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

## School of Nursing

### **Accelerated BSN Program and Coach Model Overview**

#### ***Accelerated BSN Program***

TTUHSC School of Nursing offers an accelerated BSN program with admission following two tracks. Students with a previous college degree may apply for the Second-Degree BSN track. Additionally, an accelerated track for veterans with prior military medical training and experience is available to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This accelerated, 12-month program has online classes with clinical instruction guided by assigned clinical coaches and nursing clinical faculty. Oversight of clinical hours is done by coaches and nurse-educator oversight in the students' own communities of Abilene, Amarillo, the Austin-Hill Country area, Dallas, Lubbock, San Antonio, and Permian Basin.

#### ***Coach Model***

TTUHSC Accelerated BSN Program utilizes a unique coach model for the facilitation of immersive clinical experiences for students. Coaches participate in a collaborative relationship between the clinical site coordinator and student to facilitate a student's clinical education throughout the one-year program. The coaches' major responsibility is facilitating students' learning activities as they guide them in performing nursing care with the goal of moving them toward more independent functioning. The clinical site coordinator works closely with the coach to develop goals, evaluate the student, and guide the progression of the student. The coach model provides a seamless learning opportunity for students with consistent clinical teaching and learning occurring in the same unit and with the same coach throughout the entirety of the program.

#### ***Coach Responsibilities***

- ❖ Serve as a preceptor to an Accelerated BSN student for the Fundamentals, Advanced Nursing, and Complex Nursing course clinical components. Students work an average of 14-16 clinical shifts with a coach per semester.
- ❖ Work with the student in the clinical setting 12-24 hrs per week. Students work the full shift assignment with the coach and select clinical days from the coach's established schedule. Coaches are *not* requested to modify their schedule to accommodate a student.
- ❖ Assist the student in meeting clinical objectives as set by the clinical site coordinator.
- ❖ Complete student evaluations and review the evaluation with the student at mid-term and at the end of each semester.
- ❖ Notify clinical site coordinator of any student problems to facilitate the remediation of inappropriate student behaviors.
- ❖ Offer objective, fair, critique of student performance to facilitate the growth of the student.

***Coach Qualifications***

- ❖ Bachelor of Science in Nursing, preferred
- ❖ Minimum of two years of experience as a Registered Nurse on a Medical-Surgical or Acute Care unit.
- ❖ Recommendation of direct supervisor (Nurse manager, director, etc.)

***Benefits to the Coach***

- ❖ Coaches who choose to pursue higher education within Texas Tech University Health Science Center are eligible for a scholarship of \$500, per semester, towards tuition and fees
- ❖ Coaches may be eligible to receive access to the TTUHSC Library Database and online resources

***Benefits to the Student***

- ❖ Students receive an incredible experience of immersion within the clinical setting in which they receive direct guidance and mentorship throughout the entirety of the program.
- ❖ Students develop a relationship not only with their coach but also with the unit and become acclimated as a part of the team.
- ❖ Students obtain a very realistic understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the nurse through the clinical coach model.