

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, STUDENT SUCCESS, AND ENGAGEMENT

Overview

The Office of Admissions, Student Success, and Engagement oversees vital aspects of student recruitment, support, and program coordination within the School of Nursing. Comprising two integral offices – the Office of Admissions and the Student Success Center – this department focuses on nurturing prospective and current nursing students. The initiatives and programs facilitated here, often funded through federal and state grants, cater to the needs of students, and are coordinated by dedicated staff under the leadership of the Associate Dean for Admissions, Student Success, and Engagement.

Office of Admissions

The Office of Admissions is committed to providing positive experiences in a collaborative environment that benefits prospective and current nursing students. The Office of Admissions plays a pivotal role in the recruitment, application, admissions, and matriculation processes for both Baccalaureate and Graduate-level nursing programs. Offering information to prospective applicants, representing the school at recruitment events, providing pre-admission counseling, and facilitating unofficial transcript evaluations. The admissions team comprises five staff members to include a Director of Admissions, a Senior Program Coordinator, two Recruitment Coordinators, and an Administrative Assistant – Senior.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center (SSC) promotes the learning and professional development of diverse nurse leaders to foster student success within a collaborative co-curricular environment. Providing a spectrum of student services, programs, and facilities, the SSC aids in a seamless transition into the professional realm while maximizing the overall nursing school experience. From first-semester mentoring to aiding in academic preparation and access to graduate education, the SSC offers academic coaching, supplemental instruction, tutoring, peer mentoring through learning communities, scholarly writing support, financial literacy guidance, and tailored workshops. Additionally, it manages the Starfish online student progress tracking system and facilitates access to campus services, such as financial aid and counseling services, all geared toward enhancing student outcomes. The student success center team consists of nine members including a Director for Student Success, an Academic Program Coordinator, a Program Coordinator, an Academic Success Coach, a Writing Coordinator, Writing Coaches, a Data Analyst, and an Administrative Assistant – Senior. The center also employs over 80 student employees annually.

Grant Acquisition & Management

The department currently oversees the US Department of Education Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Program grant titled APOYO: Supporting and Advancing Student Nurses in South Texas, amounting to \$2.9 million. This grant aids in furthering the mission of supporting and advancing nursing students in the South Texas region.