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# Review of Proposed Academic Programs

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# Master of Health Science in Pathologists' Assistant (PathA) Program

College of Health Professions, Dean Stephen Alway

Department of Diagnostic and Health Sciences, Chair Neale Chumbler

Program Director, Michael Weitzel

# Academic Program Overview

The mission of the Pathologists' Assistant program is to prepare and develop individuals for the professional practice of surgical and autopsy pathology in a continually evolving health care environment under the guidance of a board-certified pathologist.

## Description:

- Two-year program:
  - Year 1 – didactic
  - Year 2 – clinical
- 76 total credit hours
- Total Tuition:
  - Instate = \$56,058
  - Out of state = \$68,562

## Unique Features:

- First program in Tennessee and only one in the mid-South
- Low student-to-faculty ratios
- Excellent local clinical rotation sites for students, including the WTRFC

## Comparable Programs:

**Quinnipiac** Credit hours: 89  
Tuition: \$ 99,165

  
**Tulane** Credit hours: 80  
Tuition: \$80,000

**Duke** Credit hours: 86  
Tuition: \$56,668

# Alignment with State Master Plan and Institutional Mission

- Increases the number of post-secondary degrees in TN by adding an attractive graduate program in a high demand discipline
- Data from currently accredited programs indicate a 95-100% employment rate for graduates within 6 months of graduation with an average starting salary of \$85,000
- Aligns with the mission of UTHSC: *to improve the health and well being of Tennesseans and the global community by fostering integrated, collaborative, and inclusive education, research, scientific discovery, clinical care, and public service*

# Enrollment Projections

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<b>Enrollment (Graduates)</b>	5(0)	6(5)	8(6)	10(8)	10(9)

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Joint Program with UT Southern

College of Nursing, Dean Wendy Likes

Academic Affairs, Executive Associate Dean Susan Jacob

BSN Program, Director Randall Johnson

# Academic Program Overview

The joint BSN program is congruent with the missions of both institutions.

## Description

- Four semester traditional program with two-year pre-professional courses completed prior to admission
- 60 credit hours professional program and 60 credit hours pre-professional requirements
- Concept-based UTHSC curriculum will be adopted
- Current UTS BSN will be taught out for all students in the program
- Prepares students to successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN)

## Unique Features

- Joint program offered in Memphis and Pulaski with projected start in fall 2023
- Allows students to remain in Pulaski after completing the first 2 years of coursework at UTS
- Includes a mixture of face-to-face didactic, on-site clinical, lab, remote synchronous, and remote asynchronous formats
- Enhances workforce in underserved and rural communities
- Maintains excellent local clinical rotation sites for students in south central TN

# Alignment with State Master Plan and Institutional Mission

- Increases the number of post-secondary degrees in TN by expanding a successful baccalaureate nursing program
- Joint program will help meet the deficit of individuals trained to work in the field of nursing in the state
- Aligns with the mission of UTHSC and UTS by expanding partnerships and sharing resources
- Graduates will be an integral element of a workforce that provides leadership in healthcare



# Enrollment Projections

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Enrollment	13	30	30	30	30