



MSN Graduate New Student Orientation

Agenda

Tuesday August 4th & Wednesday August 5, 2026

UTEP - El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center, 1st Floor, Wiggins Rd.

Time	Activity	Presenters
	Tuesday August 4, 2026	
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	
8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Welcome College of Nursing	Dr. Leslie Robbins, Dean College of Nursing
	Welcome UTEP Graduate School	Dr. Stephen Crites Dean, UTEP Graduate School Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Dr. Stephen Hernandez Associate Dean of Evaluation and Accreditation
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Student Introductions	Dr. Stephen Hernandez
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	College of Nursing Program Overview	Dr. Stephen Hernandez
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Group Picture & BREAK	Group Picture - Curlin Plaza by Mr. Istiban Morales
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Technology Support & Set Up	Ms. Yvonne Rodriguez
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (provided)	
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Blackboard Orientation	Michelle Alvarado
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Library Orientation and Database Search	Ms. Marissa Testerman
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Library Search Activity	Ms. Marissa Testerman
3:15p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Meeting with Program Coordinators HSN – Health Science/Nursing Bldg.	NAM & NE – HSN Rm. HSN 211 AGACNP – HSN Rm. HSN 384 FNP- EPNG Conf. Ctr. Ped's-PC - HSN Rm. 219 NNP – HSN Rm. HSN 369 PMHNP – HSN 206
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour – Health Sciences/ Nursing Bldg. 2 nd Fl. Lobby	Health Sciences/Nursing Bldg. 2 nd Floor Lobby



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8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Welcome Back & Announcements	Dr. Stephen Hernandez
8:35 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Graduate Student Success	Dr. Zuniga-Perez
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break	
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Affiliation Agreements	Dr. Sondra Skory
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Typhon Overview	Dr. Sondra Skory
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Clinical Compliance	Ms. Gabriela Sigala Acosta
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (provided)	
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Grammar, Punctuation, and More	Dr. Roberta Durk-Gomez Dr. Alejandra Valenzuela
1:45 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	SIGMA Theta Tau	Dr. Alejandra Valenzuela
1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	APA, Plagiarism & AI	Dr. Lou Herman UTEP Writing Center
2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Break	
3:05 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Don't Be Guilty of Serial Citations! Synthesize!	Dr. Amy McLaughlin-Field
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conclusion-Questions & Answers	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Visit the Miner Gold Card Office	UTEP Mike Loya Academic Svc. Bldg. Rm. 116