

SON Mission Statement

To empower students to excel as nurse clinicians, leaders, and scholars in a caring, learner-centered, strengths-based environment.

SON Vision Statement

We aspire to be the leader in transforming lives through excellence in nursing education

SON Values

Six key values are integral to our identity and underpin all programs offered by the SON.

- **Caring:** Professional practice that embodies empathy, presence, and advocacy, resulting in compassionate, patient-centered care.
- **Excellence:** The dynamic effort to exceed professional nursing standards of practice, education, and scholarship.
- **Spirit of inquiry:** A relentless curiosity towards nursing practice resulting in generation of new knowledge, evidence-based decision-making, and improved clinical outcomes.
- **Professionalism:** The outward expression of an individual's respect for self and others; taking responsibility for behaviors that adhere to professional standards and codes of conduct.*
- **Integrity:** Actions that reflect moral accountability in practice, education, and scholarship consistent with professional nursing values.
- **Leadership:** Establishing a clear-shared vision; providing the information, knowledge, and resources to realize that vision; coordinating and balancing varied interests of stakeholders; and inspiring others to engage in achieving mutual goals.

*ANA Code of Ethics (2015). Silver Springs, MD.

*International Council of Nurses Code of Ethics for Nurses (2012).

*Nursing Practice Act, Nursing Peer Review, & Nurse Licensure Compact: Texas Occupations Code and Statutes Regulating the Practice of Nursing (2017).