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Why is the TTUHSC School of Nursing opening a satellite campus in Mansfield, Texas?

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So we were invited to consider bringing our traditional undergraduate BSN program to Mansfield a little over three years ago. Mansfield has had experience with our graduates. They're very pleased with our graduates the quality of our graduates, and they want more of them. So they invited us to bring this program to the Methodist Mansfield campus and to the Methodist system.

When will it open to students and how many will be accepted to the program?

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We will be opening the campus in August, because the semester we're beginning in August, we have three semesters per year, we'll be admitting 20 students three times per year at the beginning of every one of our semesters.

How many campuses does the School of Nursing have?

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Well, you know, our programs all started in West Texas, to be sure 50 years ago for the School of Medicine 40 years ago for the School of Nursing. We are now all over Texas, the news got out the news about the quality of our programs, the quality of our graduates have become very well known across the state. And now in the School of Nursing. We have program sites in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas. And we have regional campuses in Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and Abilene. And we also have program locations in Houston. So we're literally all over the state. In terms of DFW, we now have all of our programs there with the advent of the traditional undergraduate program. So as such, we will have a full regional campus in the Dallas Fort-Worth area, all of our programs are now there.

To what do you attribute the caliber of TTUHSC School of Nursing graduates?

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Faculty, we have faculty, we very rarely have a faculty opening. When we do have a faculty opening we have multiple qualified applicants, not very many schools can claim that to be the case. It's the quality of the faculty that creates the quality of the programs, the quality of the curriculum, the faculty choose the students. We're very selective about who we choose, we know what we're looking for based on our experience, we know what students bring, the attributes that turn them into outstanding graduates. And so we have a lot of experience with that. We have a lot of innovation that we have experienced with our curriculum, and a lot of collaboration. We know how to collaborate with local communities, local hospitals, all over the state to be able to create these programs.

Do you have any advice to an aspiring School of Nursing applicant or to someone whose dream it is to be a nurse?

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Yes, I do. If you're interested in becoming a nurse, when you go to college, you really should take as many science electives as you can get. A nursing is based on sciences. Many sciences have the more science credits you have with good grades, the better you're going to do in terms of competing, there's

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a lot of competition and getting into our nursing school. So the more science courses you have in the more A's that you have on those courses, the better and that will also enrich you and help you to be a better nursing student having a stronger science background.