

NURSING (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, M.S.N.)

Overview

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is comprised of two concentrations: Health Care Leadership and Nurse Educator. Each concentration requires completion of 32 credit hours, 20 of these hours are core shared courses between the two concentrations.

The Master of Science degree program in Nursing at Missouri Western State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org> (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>)).

Graduates will demonstrate leadership abilities in:

- Promoting professional practice
- Creating effective work environments
- Applying health informatics for informed decision-making
- Leading and developing teams
- Managing resources effectively
- Embracing organizational complexity and change
- Fostering evidenced-based practice
- Influencing healthcare policy

Admission

Admission Requirements

- Submission of application for admission to the MWSU Graduate School.
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and nursing GPA 3.0 or higher.
- B.S.N. from a CCNE, ACEN, or CNEA accredited college or university.
- Evidence of current, unencumbered RN license .
- Completion of undergraduate statistics and research methods courses with a minimum of 'B' in each.
- Completed MSN program application.
- A supporting statement of interest discussing career goals and interest selected program track.
- Criminal background checks may be required. An applicant who has been found guilty of a Class A or B Felony may not be admitted.
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Requirements

Students who are accepted to this degree program will have no more than 6 years from admission or subsequent declaration to meet the requirements listed below. If certification, accreditation or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during this time, the new requirements take precedence.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Required Courses | | |
| NUR 501 | Foundations for Nursing Leadership | 3 |
| NUR 504 | Professional Role Development for Nursing Leaders | 3 |
| NUR 505 | Nursing Seminar I | 1 |
| NUR 507 | Statistics for Decision Support | 3 |
| NUR 606 | Informatics for Decision Support | 3 |
| NUR 616 | Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Leadership | 3 |
| NUR 624 | Nursing Seminar II | 1 |
| NUR 650 | Nurse Leader Internship ¹ | 3 |
| Nursing Concentration | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 12 |
| Nurse Educator Concentration | | |
| Health Care Leadership Concentration | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 32 |

¹ Clinical hours are a required course component.

Nurse Educator Concentration

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| Track Requirements | | |
| NUR 502 | Advanced Health Assessment and Health Promotion ¹ | 3 |
| NUR 503 | Advanced Pathopharmacology ¹ | 3 |
| NUR 608 | Curriculum and Program Development | 3 |
| NUR 610 | Instructional and Evaluation Strategies | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 12 |

¹ Clinical hours are a required course component.

Health Care Leadership Concentration

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| Track Requirements | | |
| MGT 603 | Organizational Theory | 3 |
| NUR 506 | Health Care Policy, Organization, and Financing | 3 |
| NUR 607 | Leadership in Financial Management | 3 |
| NUR 618 | Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Diverse Populations | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 12 |

Program Graduation Requirement

1. Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, with no more than one grade of C in all required coursework.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfactorily complete all required coursework in the program;
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours;
3. Satisfactorily complete the required capstone experience.