

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

Overview

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Leadership & Education program prepares nurses as future leaders and skilled educators. This dual-focused curriculum includes organizational leadership, evidence-based practice, health policy, and financial management with advanced competencies in curriculum design, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Graduates are prepared for roles in both nursing leadership and education.

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 abilities in:

- Promoting professional practice
- Creating effective work environments
- Applying health informatics for informed decision-making
- Leading healthcare teams with strategic decision-making, quality improvement, and change management
- Translating evidence-based practice and research to improve clinical outcomes
- Influencing healthcare policy
- Educating and mentoring future nurses and practicing professionals in academic and clinical settings

Admission

Completed MSN program application with evidence of the following:

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and nursing GPA 3.0 or higher.
- BSN 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.
- A supporting statement of interest discussing career goals.
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Criminal background checks may be required. An applicant who has been found guilty of a Class A or B Felony may not be admitted.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
NUR 507	Statistics for Decision Support	3
NUR 508	Nursing Leadership and Role Development	3
NUR 509	Health Care Policy and Advocacy	3
NUR 510	Advanced Assessment, Health Promotion, and Pathopharmacology ¹	4
NUR 606	Informatics for Decision Support	3

NUR 607	Leadership in Financial Management	2
NUR 609	Research for Evidence-Based Practice ¹	4
NUR 611	Curriculum and Instructional Strategy ²	4
NUR 612	Program Development and Evaluation ¹	3
NUR 650	Nurse Leader Internship ¹	3
Total Credit Hours		32

¹ Direct care experience is a required course component.

² Teaching practice is a required course component.

Program Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, with no more than 6 credit hours 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;