

Master of Science in Nursing: Leadership and Education

Degree Type

Master of Science in Nursing

Requirements:

36 Graduate level credits

NNU's Master of Science in Nursing degree is designed to be a 2-year program for those entering directly from a Bachelor of Science degree program. The program is designed for the working registered nurse desiring to attain an advanced nursing degree and develop professional and leadership skills to advance career opportunities. Nurses with a Bachelor of Nursing (BSN) degree from a regional and national accredited school are eligible to enroll in the MSN Leadership and Education Program. The MSN degree is completed in four semesters and one summer. The degree can be completed as quickly as 15 months or can be paced part-time over four years.

Description:

The course of study includes advanced courses in nursing science and health assessment, development of leadership skills in a variety of areas including nursing research and evidence-based practice, as well as teaching learning strategies, curriculum development, and evaluation processes.

Prerequisites required before starting the MSN degree:

- Introduction to Academic Writing (or equivalent)
- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology

Required nursing baccalaureate content for an MSN program:

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| MATH2240 | Elementary Statistics | 3 |
| NURS4100 | Concepts of Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing | 4 |
| NURS4113 | Intro to Evidence Based Practice & Research | 4 |
| NURS4114 | Nursing of Diverse Communities & Populations | 4 |

Required MSN Leadership and Education Courses

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| NURS6062 | Research for Graduate Nursing | 3 |
| NURS6110L | Leadership Perspectives for Advancing the Profession of Nursing | 3 |
| NURS6120 | Population Health and Interprofessional Collaboration | 3 |
| NURS6130 | Healthcare Systems and Health Policy | 3 |
| NURS6150 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 |
| NURS6160 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS6170 | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS7020 | Assessment & Evaluation Strategies | 3 |
| NURS7042 | Evidence-based Practice for Graduate Nursing | 3 |
| NURS7051 | Nursing Education and Leadership Internship | 3 |
| NURS7060 | Principles of Teaching and Curriculum Development | 3 |
| NURS7070 | Organization Leadership for Improving Health Outcomes | 3 |

Degree Completion Time

All credits for the Master of Science in Nursing: Leadership and Education degree must be completed within five years of starting the program. Any exception to this must be cleared with the director of the MSN program.

Graduation requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing: Leadership and Education program:

1. Completion of the requirements for the approved area of study.
2. Completion of the required number of credits for the specific area of study.
3. Maintained GPA of 3.0 or higher for all MSN courses.
4. Only credits receiving a "C" (2.0) or higher grade may be applied toward the degree.
5. The candidate must apply for graduation one full semester prior to anticipated degree completion. The deadlines are:
 - June 1 for Fall
 - October 15 for Spring
 - January 15 for Summer

Total Credits

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