

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

Available on the Jackson, Hendersonville, and Germantown Campuses

### Mission Statement

To prepare graduates for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.

### Program Goals

- To provide masters nursing education that builds on one's previous nursing foundation.
- To prepare the graduate for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.
- To prepare advanced professional nurses academically for doctoral study in nursing.

### Program Outcomes

The graduate of the master's nursing program will be able to:

1. Incorporate theory and research in advanced nursing practice.

2. Assume leadership roles in one's speciality area of nursing to promote health and well being of persons in an intercultural world.
3. Integrate knowledge of health care economics and policy into the delivery of cost effective, ethically responsible nursing care.
4. Manage information using technology to influence nursing practice.
5. Demonstrate competency in the selected nursing practice.

### The Cohort Approach and Calendar

In the fall semester of each year the MSN Program accepts students in the Nurse Education, Nurse Administration, and Nurse Practitioner tracks. Groups pursue the degree as a cohort. This model emphasizes group cohesion, cooperation, and interactive support. Within semesters, some courses are offered in an accelerated, 7-8 week format.

Each cohort is presented its unique calendar for the complete program. Current MSN calendars are available at <http://www.uu.edu/academics/graduate/msn/>

### Program Admission Requirements for All Tracks

Admission to the program will be based on competitive selection from the pool of applicants who meet the following admission requirements:

1. Official transcript(s) from all undergraduate and graduate coursework attempted
2. Proof of current unencumbered RN licensure.
3. Interview with the Nursing Graduate Admissions Selection Committee
4. International students must complete TOEFL with WES evaluations of transcripts
5. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicants capabilities for graduate study. One letter of reference must be from the applicant's immediate supervisor.
6. Completed application with application fee of \$50
7. Last 60 hours cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
8. Completion of undergraduate statistics course
9. Cleared criminal background check
10. Clean drug screen

Additional requirements for the Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator tracks include a Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale, defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and Statistics is preferred.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Statement of professional goals to include:
  - Why you wish to become a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, or Nurse Administrator/Leader
  - What you plan to do with this degree, including long term goals
  - How you have prepared for success in this program
2. A Curriculum Vitae

RN to MSN Without Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree; All Tracks

1. Applicants must complete the following undergraduate courses.
  - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
  - Microbiology – 3 or 4 hrs.
  - Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.
  - Christian Studies – 6 hrs.
  - English Composition 1 and 2 – 6 hrs.
  - Social Science – 9 hrs.
  - Humanities – 9 hrs.
2. When these courses are completed, the applicant will notify the track coordinator no later than December 31 prior to the year they wish to start.

3. The following undergraduate nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or above by May 31st of the year the applicant plans be considered for the MSN cohort. The nursing courses may be in progress when the applicant notifies the coordinator of their readiness to be considered for the MSN applicant pool.

- NUR 306 Scientific Writing
- NUR 330 Research

The RN to MSN does not award a BSN.

Acceptance to the RN to MSN program does not guarantee acceptance to any MSN track. Applicants who are not selected to progress to the MSN cohort will be given the opportunity to enter the RN to BSN program.

#### RN to MSN With Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree In Field Other Than Nursing; All Tracks

1. Applicants must complete or show evidence of completion of the following undergraduate courses:
  - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
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## MSN, Education, Administration, Nurse Practitioner Tracks

(Nurse Administration and Nurse Education Tracks available online; Nurse Practitioner Track available on Jackson, Germantown, and Hendersonville Campuses)

I. MSN Core Requirements—17 hours

II. Education Track—41 hours

III. Administration Track—39 hours

IV. Nurse Practitioner—46 hours

### Post-Master's Certificate Program in Nursing Description

The School of Nursing endeavors to provide curricula that encourage individuals to pursue Christ-centered excellence in their nursing vocation as the future needs of the nursing profession come into view. The certificate program fits with the mission of the University to provide Christ-centered higher education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

This program is ideal for nurses who have obtained their master's degree in nursing in another advanced practice area and now find themselves in positions that require advanced preparation in either nursing education or nursing administration. For example, if an MSN graduate with a major in nursing administration desired to acquire a certificate in nursing education, that individual could enroll in this program. Another example might be that of an individual with a nurse practitioner degree desiring advanced study in nursing administration.

A Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing is not available for the Nurse Anesthesia track.

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The nursing education certificate prepares nurses for educator positions in various settings such as staff development, patient education, schools and colleges. The nursing administration certificate prepares nurses for a variety of administrative and leadership positions in health care delivery systems. The nurse practitioner certificate prepares nurses to serve in a variety of clinical practices.

### Schedule

The certificate program is part-time study with classes generally occurring one day per week or online. Clinical requirements of practicum commonly require more than one day per week.

Curricular needs of full-time MSN cohort students will be given priority.08The312.rse/m com6268celg2a1u1995 >>dividual

Students admitted to the program must have and maintain while in the program:

1. Current CPR certification for NP and Education students only
2. Evidence of Hepatitis B, MMR, polio and tetanus vaccination

3. Rubella and varicella titers or proof of immunization
4. Freedom from tuberculosis as evidenced by a negative PPD or health provider examination
5. Health insurance

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## Financial Information

Tuition is \$525 per semester hour for Education and Administration Post-Master's Certificate programs and \$510 for Nurse Practitioner Track. Full payment for a term is expected at the time of registration for classes.

Certificate/Program Completion fee: \$25

Any combination of the following payment methods is available:

1. Check, cash, or credit card.
2. Employer reimbursement.
3. FACTS (and electronic monthly draft from a savings or checking account) The cost of books is approximately \$150 per course.

## Employer Tuition Reimbursement Policies

1. The student is responsible for providing information to the university regarding his/her employer's policies for reimbursement.
2. If the employer reimburses the student directly, the student must pay the university in full at the time of registration for classes.
3. If the employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the university, the student must pay his/her portion of the tuition at the time of registration.
4. The university will provide any required information to an employer when requested by the student.

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## Certificate Program Completion Requirements

1. Must demonstrate evidence of completion of MSN core through an accredited MSN Program.
2. Completion of the specialty curriculum for Post-Master's Certificate.
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the certificate course work.
4. File an application for graduation with the Graduate Nursing Office by the published deadline.
5. Pay in full the student's account in the Business Office
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