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

- 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.

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.

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 [www.uu.edu/msn](http://www.uu.edu/msn).

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

1. Completed application with application fee of \$50
2. Completion of an accredited nursing program according to track specific options. Applicants with a previously earned Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing must complete or show evidence of completion of the designated courses for the specific track or program.
3. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be submitted directly through NursingCAS.

Transcripts must be received by NursingCAS in a sealed envelope from all previous academic institutions attended. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be sent to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471.

4. Proof of current unencumbered RN licensure in state of residence and eligible for licensure as an RN in Tennessee.
5. Interview with the Nursing Graduate Admissions Selection Committee
6. Applicants from a country where the native language is not English must show proof of English proficiency with scores from TOEFL, IELTS, or iTEP courses. Minimum scores are TOEFL 560 (Internet-based 80), IELTS 6.5, or iTEP 4.4. In addition, students must provide WES evaluations of transcripts.

7. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicants capabilities for graduate study. One letter of reference must be from the applicant's current supervisor.
8. Last 60 hours cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
9. Completion of undergraduate statistics course
10. Cleared criminal background long term goals

- How you have prepared for success in this program
2. Curriculum Vitae

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.
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- 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

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1. Applicants must complete or show evidence of completion of the following undergraduate courses:
  - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
  - Microbiology – 3 or 4 hrs.
  - Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.
  - Any undergraduate statistics course – 3 hrs.
2. The above courses must be completed by December 31st of the year prior to the year the applicant plans to be considered for the MSN cohort. At that point, the applicant will notify the track coordinator they wish to be considered for the applicant pool in the next cohort for that track.
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1. Current CPR certification
2. Evidence of Hepatitis B, MMR, and tetanus vaccination (TDaP unless TD within the past 2 years)
3. Proof of 2 Varicella vaccinations or positive antibody titer (If titer is negative, student must repeat the 2 vaccine series.)
4. Freedom from tuberculosis as evidenced by a negative



occurs prior to the deadline listed on the academic calendar (“last day to drop a class”). All students who withdraw or who are academically dismissed from the program can reapply for admission. However, readmission is not guaranteed.

RN to MSN Administration and Education	
Undergraduate courses .....	\$470
Graduate courses .....	\$600
RN to MSN Nurse Practitioner:	
Undergraduate courses .....	\$470
Graduate courses .....	\$600
MSN Administration and Education .....	\$600
MSN Nurse Practitioner.....	\$600
Post-Graduate Certificate	
Administration and Education tracks .....	\$600
NP tracks.....	\$600

Full payment for a term (winter, fall, spring, summer, or other non-regular term) is expected at the time of registration for classes.

Application Fee: .....	\$ 50
General Student Fee:.....	\$25/credit hr.
Insurance fee per year.....	\$25
Binding of Thesis or Scholarly Project.....	\$45
Clinical Tracking System.....	\$45/yr.
Cap and Gown .....	approx. \$150
Castle Branch Medical Document Manager.....	\$35
Castle Branch Drug Screen and Background Check ..	\$110
NUR 600 Lab Fee .....	\$100
Course Evaluation Annual Fee.....	\$105/yr.
One-time fee for virtual patient (all NP and Education students).....	\$89
Random Drug Screen.....	\$37.50/yr.

Any combination of the following payment is available.

1. Check, cash, or credit card. The latter is subject to a convenience fee of 2.5%.
2. Federal Direct loan
3. Employer reimbursement
4. FACTS (an electronic monthly draft from a savings or checking account)

Books cost approximately \$150 per course.

All financial information is subject to change without notice.

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at [www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/](http://www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/). Generally, graduate students may be eligible for Federal Direct student loans or private alternative student loans, depending on the program of study and the eligibility of the borrower. Union University is also approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after

