

NURSING

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing
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This innovative and flexible online program prepares the professional nurse for leadership, advanced nursing roles, and doctoral studies (including a cooperative doctorate with University of Florida). The MSN consists of 39-40.5 semester hours of coursework. Students may select from the two areas of specialization. Nursing Education (39 sh) prepares students for employment in an academic or community/hospital/agency setting while Nursing Administration (40.5 sh) prepares students for employment in an administrative/management position in the health care industry.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must have:

- A. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited institution.
- B. GPA of at least a 3.0 (4.0 scale) in overall undergraduate course work. Students may be allowed to complete other nursing advisor approved academic courses that relate to their focus area to raise the GPA.
- C. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse, malpractice insurance, American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS (CPR & AED), and medical clearance.
- D. An admission interview in person (if local applicant) or via phone (if distant applicant).

Note: All MSN students will be required to pass a drug screen and a FDLE/FBI Level II background check prior to attending clinical. You will be given instructions in your admission packet on how to proceed with these requirements.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

MSN Core (18 sh)

HSA 5115	Health Care Policy and Administration	3
HSC 5655	Theoretical Foundations of Health Care Ethics	3
NGR 6xxx	Advanced Nursing Practice Role	3
NGR 6xx1	Healthcare Theories, Trends and Issues in Nursing and Society	3
NGR 6xx2	Nursing Research I	3
STA 5176	Biostatistics	3

Choose one specialty:

Administration Specialty (22.5 sh)

GEB 5871	MBA Foundations: Managerial Economics	1.5
HSA 5436	Health Economics	3
HSA 5xxx	Marketing for Nursing Administrators	3
NGR 6xx3	Nursing Management of Human & Financial Resources	3

NGR 6xx4	Nursing Leadership Development	3
NGR 6xx5	Health Care Planning & Management in Nursing	3
NGR 6xx6	Nursing Administration Practicum.....	3
NGR 6xx7	Nursing Research II: Nursing Administration ..	3

Education Specialty (21 sh)

EDG 5332	Principles of Instructional Design and Product Development.....	3
NGR 6xx8	Health Promotion and Primary Prevention in Nursing	3
NGR 6xx9	Advanced Clinical Nursing	3
NGR 6x10	Nursing Curriculum, Course Design and Management.....	3
NGR 6x11	Nursing Educational Leadership.....	3
NGR 6x12	Nursing Education Practicum	3
NGR 6x13	Nursing Research II: Nursing Education	3

Students wishing to earn a MSN and a MSA in Nursing Administration must complete the core courses in both the MSN and the MSA before completing the MSN Nursing Administration Specialty courses. Both degrees will be conferred upon completion of all requirements. Students interested in completing only the MSA in Nursing Administration must have earned a BSN to qualify for admission into the program and must complete the MSA core courses and the MSA Nursing Administration courses listed above.

The MSN Program has been proposed by the department and is pending Faculty Senate and University approval. Additionally, implementing legislation must be passed by the Florida Legislature and signed by the governor. Approval is expected before the beginning of the academic year. Check with the department to determine the current status.