

Nursing (MSN)- Master's Degree

Program Description: The graduate program is designed to build upon the student's baccalaureate nursing education and professional experience. This program prepares professional nurses with a wide range of educational experiences to acquire essential evidence-based knowledge and skills for successful employment in chosen careers. The MSN program offers three concentrations: Nurse Educator, Nurse Leadership/Management, and Family Nurse Practitioner. A total of 36 to 45 credits hours is required for graduation from all three concentrations.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (36-45 credits)

CORE COURSES (18 credits)		Credit Hours
NGR 5101	Nursing Theory	3
NGR 6812	Nursing Research & Evidence Based	3
NGR 5891	Health Care Policy	3
NGR 6636	Health Promotion and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 5674	Population Health, Epidemiology, & Statistical Principles	3
NGR 6871	Health Care Informatics	3
	Total	18
Nurse Educator Concentration (18 Credits)		Credit Hours
<p>The Nurse Educator concentration is designed for nurses to leverage their clinical expertise in an educator role. This concentration will enable nurses to take upon a leadership role in curriculum development in addition to assuming an educator role in clinical and classroom settings. This concentration can be completed in a hybrid format. <i>120 practicum hours are required for graduation.</i></p>		
NGR 6101	Nursing Curriculum Development	3
NGR 6710	Teaching and Learning Strategies (clinical/classroom)	3
NGR 6712	Introduction to Educational Concepts	3
NGR 6715	Instructional Technology	3
NGR 6718	Assessment and Evaluation Strategies	3
NGR 6940	Nurse Educator Practicum (Capstone Project)	3
	Total Credits	18

Nurse Leadership and Management Concentration (18 Credits)		Credit Hours
<p>The Nurse Leadership /Management concentration will prepare nurses to apply transformational leadership and decision-making skills necessary to manage nursing units and other departments. In addition, this concentration will equip the nurse leader with the essential knowledge base to participate in the design and implementation of new models of care delivery and coordination. This concentration can be completed in a hybrid format. A total of 120 practicum hours are required for graduation.</p>		
NGR 6110	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NGR 6120	Nursing Decision-Making in Complex Health Systems	3
NGR 6720	Organizational Dynamics	3
NGR 6722	Financial Management and Resource Development	3
NGR 5700	Decision Making	3
NGR 6942	Nurse Leadership and Management Practicum (Capstone Project)	3
Total Credits		18
Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration (27 Credits)		Credit Hours
<p>The Family Nurse Practitioner concentration is designed to prepare nurses for advanced clinical practice in the delivery of acute and chronic care to individuals and families throughout the lifespan and across the health continuum. This concentration also focuses on acquisition of evidence-based practice knowledge necessary to preside clinical care that includes health promotion, disease prevention, health education, and counseling in primary care settings. The FNP concentration can be completed in six semesters on-campus with hybrid courses. Graduates are required to take the Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certification Examination with American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to be licensed and work as a Family Nurse Practitioner. A total of 650 practicum hours are required for graduation.</p>		
NGR 5035	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NGR 5141	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NGR 6172	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NGR 6610	Advanced Primary Care of Family I	3
NGR 6610 L	Advanced Primary Care of Family Practicum I	3
NGR 6616	Advanced Primary Care of Family II	3

NGR 6616 L	Advanced Primary Care of Family Practicum II	3
NGR 6638	Integration Advanced Primary Care of Family	3
NGR 6619 L	Advanced Family Practicum III	3
	Total Credits	27

Academic Requirements:

1. Students are required to obtain a grade of B in all classes, a satisfactory "S" grade in lab, and practicum.
2. C is a failing grade. Note that students in the RN-MSN track who are taking BSN courses will follow the BSN grading criteria. However, at least a GPA of 3.0 must be maintained to progress to the MSN courses.
3. Students will be allowed to repeat a course only once. Two failing grades will result in termination from the program. However, *students who fail the lecture or clinical component of a practicum course must repeat both lecture and clinical, which will count as one failed course.*

Admission Requirements: Master of Science in Nursing Program (MSN & RN- MSN)

1. Bachelor's degree in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited institution with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students who graduated from a non-programmatically accredited institution and meet all other admission requirements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Admission is not guaranteed. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated and accompanied by equivalencies from an accredited Credential Evaluation Agency.
2. If undergraduate GPA is less than 2.5, GMAT score of 400 and above or a GRE composite score of 150 (or 900) required.
3. Current unrestricted license as a professional registered nurse in the United States. Out of state applicants must be eligible for endorsement by the Florida Board of Nursing.
4. Applicants with a foreign degree who lack academic experience in an English language environment must demonstrate English proficiency, which can be established through one of the following:
 - Meeting Florida Board of Nursing English competency examinations' requirements.
 - Score of 62 and above on the Test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL in each section with an acceptable level (intermediate or fair and above).
 - Score of 5.5 on the IELTS, or a 44 on the PTEA.
 - Completion of a six credit English Graduate Preparatory Course (ENG 1120 & ENG 1130) offered in one semester.
 - Completion of ENC 1101, ENC 1102 and SPC 1017.
5. A completed program application.

6. Two letters of recommendations from professional references who can attest to the candidate's potential for advanced practice studies and leadership. One letter must be from a supervisor or a faculty.
7. Current resume or curriculum vitae.
8. Official (sealed) transcript from undergraduate nursing institution.
9. A written essay of a minimum of 250 words depicting reason for pursuing an advanced degree in nursing.
10. Entrance Interview (Students will be accepted based on their qualifications, merits, professional experiences, and contributions to the nursing profession).
 - Computer knowledge of Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is required for online classes.

Credit Transferability

The MSN program will accept MSN credits from another regionally accredited institution. The applicants must submit original transcripts from the previous institutions. The Vice-President of Academic Affairs and the Director of Nursing will render evaluation of submitted transcripts with the number of credits accepted.

- FNU reserves the right to choose the credentialing institutions it recognizes
- Credits earned from a Bachelor Degree in a related field or from a Foreign Medical Doctor Degree will be transferred as a block to the RN-MSN track.
- No additional credits will be transferred beyond the block transfer.

RN-MSN track is a bridge. Therefore, no BSN degree will be conferred upon completion.