The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is designed to prepare students in adult-gerontologic or family nursing to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing. Students are prepared for roles in nursing education or nursing administration/leadership & management. Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree are 40 to 41 credits and include an option of thesis or a scholarly project and public presentation. Completion of the program usually requires four semesters of full-time study and about 4 credits taken in a Summer and Winterim. For full-time students, the first year of courses generally are on Mondays and the second year of courses usually are on Tuesdays, on campus. The summer and winterim courses tend to be online with immersion (on-campus) days. Note the second year role preparation courses tend to be offered on an alternate year basis, e.g., 2018-2019, 2020-2021, etc. for nurse educators and 2019-2020, 2021-2022, etc. for nurse administrators. A part-time plan of study may be required based on the year of admission. Total clinical hours equal approximately 525 hours. The MSN no longer is a degree option for students pursuing the nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist role preparations, in keeping with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) decision to transition advanced practice nursing preparation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree level.

A graduate of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program will be prepared to:

1. Analyze, synthesize, and apply knowledge from nursing science and other disciplines related to the health of adults, older adults, and families.
2. Synthesize, critique, evaluate, and utilize theory to guide advanced nursing roles.
3. Synthesize, evaluate, and utilize research to improve client outcomes for adults, older adults, and families.
4. Demonstrate expertise in ethically based, advanced clinical decision-making of human responses in diverse populations.
5. Integrate leadership and management theories into the advanced nursing roles.
6. Analyze and synthesize current nursing and health care issues and policies within the context of advanced nursing roles.
7. Integrate knowledge and theory of health policy, organizations, and financing of health care as a basis for the provision of quality, cost effective care.
8. Assume beginning advanced nursing roles across health care settings demonstrating effective advocacy for diverse populations.
9. Engage in lifelong learning and scholarship for the advancement of professional nursing.

Qualifications for M.S.N. Admission

Criteria for admission into the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduate program include:

1. An undergraduate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (CCNE, NLN, or ACEN) nursing program, with a GPA of 3.00 or higher (see Notes 1 and 2);
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