NURSING - M.S.N.

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Description

The Master of Science in Nursing degree meets the educational eligibility requirements for national certification in the respective area of study. The degree program can be completed in four to five semesters (two full academic years) for full-time students. Part-time students typically take three to four years to complete the program. Completion of a thesis is optional.

The Nursing major comprises the following concentrations:

- **The Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner** concentration provides a knowledge base for advanced nursing care to adults with complex, acute and chronic illnesses. Clinical practica occur in a variety of hospital settings such as specialty clinics, emergency departments and acute, sub-acute and intensive/critical care areas.

- **The Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist** concentration fosters acquisition of the needed competencies to care for patients spanning the entire adult to older-adult spectrum. Class and clinical experiences focus on providing advanced nursing care across the health continuum, from wellness to acute care. Students develop competencies in direct care, consultation, systems leadership, collaboration, coaching, research, ethical decision-making, moral agency and advocacy.

- **The Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner** concentration allows students to develop advanced practice nursing competencies in health promotion, risk detection, illness prevention and management of acute and chronic illnesses in adults and older adults. Clinical experiences involve direct care in collaboration with other health professionals to maximize the effectiveness of community and health care system services. Clinical practica include primary care offices, such as internal medicine and family practice clinics, managed care offices, emergency departments, free clinics and long-term care and occupational health settings.

- **The Family Nurse Practitioner** concentration allows students to acquire advanced practice nursing competencies to provide continuity of health care to persons across the life span, as well as to maximize the effectiveness of community and health care system services through collaboration with other health professionals. Clinical experiences are offered in a variety of ambulatory care settings and specialty clinics in primary care offices, including family practice, internal medicine, managed care offices, emergency departments, long-term care facilities and academic and occupational health settings.

- **The Nurse Educator** concentration gives students the advanced nursing knowledge in curriculum development, instruction and evaluation for traditional and online learning in academic and staff development settings. Emphasis is placed on application of educational theories and principles in curriculum development and evaluation and acquisition of skills in role development as a nurse educator. Students engage in individualized practicum experiences with master educators to gain experience in their desired field of nursing education.

- **The Nursing Healthcare Management** concentration integrates management and nursing knowledge for students to develop skills and competencies in management, health care leadership and advanced nursing.

- **The Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner** concentration focuses on health promotion, illness prevention, risk identification and acute and chronic care of infants, children and adolescents. Practicum experiences take place in outpatient primary care and specialty settings; the experiences offer the opportunity for students to provide individualized and culturally competent advanced practice nursing care to children within the context of their families.

- **The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner** concentration builds on core advanced practice nursing knowledge. The program focuses on knowledge and skill development in mental health assessment and diagnostic reasoning, prescribing and medication management and advanced therapeutic modalities such as individual, group and family psychotherapy.

- **The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner** concentration prepares students to provide the highest level of primary nursing care for women involving health promotion and disease prevention. Students gain competency in advanced nursing management of common acute and chronic conditions. Students practice in direct care and in collaboration with other health care professionals. Practicum experiences foster development of clinical judgment and primary care skills through faculty mentorship and clinical preceptors in a variety of ambulatory care settings and specialty clinics.

The Master of Science in Nursing degree at Kent State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

Fully Offered At:

- Online (concentrations Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Educator, Nursing and Healthcare Management, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner)

- Kent Campus (concentrations Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing degree is a selective process. Years of registered nurse experience, professional experience relevant to the specific M.S.N. concentration and evidence of scholarship and involvement in the nursing profession as indicated on the applicant's resume, along with GPA and intent for full-time study, will be considered in the selection process for applicants who meet all admission criteria.

- An active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which clinical coursework will be completed.

- A bachelor's and/or graduate degree from an accredited registered nursing program (an RN license with a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field will be considered based on review of a portfolio submitted with the application).

- Minimum overall 3.0 GPA (4.0 point scale)

- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a minimum C grade.
• A résumé or curriculum vita.
• Completion of a two to three page admission essay describing reasons for seeking the master’s degree in the identified specialty and demonstrating clarity of professional goals.
• Three letters of reference from a health care professional or academic faculty who can speak to the applicant’s professional and academic abilities.
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 78 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score

Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing’s Clinical Compliance Policy. For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Applicants with a lower GPA may be considered for conditional admission according to the University’s Graduate Student Admission Policy.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates from this program will be able to:

1. Acquire educational eligibility to meet standards for advanced practice certification or other advanced professional distinction.
2. Acquire competencies based on professional standards to assume advanced roles in nursing and for leadership and career advancement, including doctoral study.
3. Communicate, integrate and apply advanced nursing knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based, culturally sensitive nursing care and promote quality outcomes in nursing and health care.

Program Requirements

• Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist concentration
• Nurse Educator concentration
• Nursing and Healthcare Management concentration
• Nurse Practitioner
  • Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration
  • Family Nurse Practitioner concentration
  • Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration
  • Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration
  • Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration
  • Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner concentration

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-AGCN]

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Nurse Educator Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-NUED]

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Nursing and Healthcare Management Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-NHCM]

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NURS 60101  THEORETICAL BASIS FOR NURSING PRACTICE I  3
NURS 60315  BUDGETARY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT FOR NURSES  3
NURS 60403  METHODS OF INQUIRY  3
NURS 64002  PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS  3
NURS 64202  NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT I SEMINAR  2
NURS 64292  NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT I PRACTICUM  2
NURS 64302  NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT II SEMINAR  2
NURS 64392  NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT II PRACTICUM  2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 35

Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Concentration Requirements
NURS 60010  ADVANCED NURSING INFORMATICS  3
NURS 60015  ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT  3
NURS 60025  HEALTH POLICY AND ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE  3
NURS 60045  PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE  3
NURS 60101  THEORETICAL BASIS FOR NURSING PRACTICE I  3
NURS 60403  METHODS OF INQUIRY  3
NURS 60441  PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING  3

Concentrations
Choose from the following: 20-26
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Family Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 41-47

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-APNP]

Concentration Requirements
NURS 60120  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I  3
NURS 60125  FAMILY AND ADULT GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE  1
NURS 60220  PRIMARY CARE II: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS  3
NURS 60320  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE III  3
NURS 60506  CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES  3
NURS 61292  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I PRACTICUM  2
NURS 61892  FAMILY AND ADULT/GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE PRACTICUM  1
NURS 62292  PRIMARY CARE II PRACTICUM: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS  2
NURS 63692  ADULT GERONTOLOGY COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE III PRACTICUM  2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-FNPR]

Concentration Requirements
NURS 60120  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I  3
NURS 60125  FAMILY AND ADULT GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE  1
NURS 60160  PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS  3
NURS 60220  PRIMARY CARE II: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS  3
NURS 60325  PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS  4
NURS 60506  CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES  3
NURS 61292  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I PRACTICUM  2
NURS 61692  PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS PRACTICUM  2
NURS 61892  FAMILY AND ADULT/GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE PRACTICUM  1
NURS 62292  PRIMARY CARE II PRACTICUM: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS  2
NURS 63292  PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS PRACTICUM  2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 20

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements
[NU-MSN-NURS-PPNP]

Concentration Requirements
NURS 60120  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I  3
NURS 60125  FAMILY AND ADULT GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE  1
NURS 60160  PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS  3
NURS 60325  PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS  4
NURS 60506  CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES  3
NURS 61292  ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I PRACTICUM  2
NURS 61692  PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICS PRACTICUM  2
NURS 61892  FAMILY AND ADULT/GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE PRACTICUM  1
NURS 62292  PRIMARY CARE II PRACTICUM: CHRONICALLY ILL ADULTS  2
NURS 63292  PRIMARY CARE: FAMILY HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS PRACTICUM  2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 26
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**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 20

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### Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

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### Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

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NURS 64892  WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER IV PRACTICUM 2
NURS 65892  WOMENS HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER V PRACTICUM 2

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 21