

# 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 and the development of in-depth knowledge and expertise in an area of clinical specialty. 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 Administration and Health Systems Leadership** concentration integrates management, leadership and nursing knowledge for students to develop skills and competencies in administration, systems 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.

## Fully Offered At:

- Online (concentrations Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership, 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)

## Accreditation

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.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's and/or graduate degree from an accredited registered nursing program<sup>1</sup> for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate/graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale<sup>2</sup> for unconditional admission
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a minimum C grade.
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which clinical coursework will be completed.
- Résumé or curriculum vitae.
- Essay (2-3 pages) describing reasons for seeking the master's degree in the identified specialty and 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
  - Minimum 55 PTE score

Admission to the M.S.N. degree is a selective process. In the selection process for applicants, program faculty will consider 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 résumé, along with GPA. 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.

- <sup>1</sup> Applicants with an RN license and a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field will be considered based on faculty review of a portfolio submitted with the application.
- <sup>2</sup> Applicants with a lower GPA may be considered for conditional admission according to the University's Graduate Student Admission Policy.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of 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

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
NURS 60010	ADVANCED NURSING INFORMATICS	3
NURS 60025	HEALTH POLICY AND ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE	3
NURS 60101	THEORETICAL BASIS FOR NURSING PRACTICE I	3
NURS 60403	METHODS OF INQUIRY	3
<b>Concentrations</b>		
Choose from the following:		23-35
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner		
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist		
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner		
Family Nurse Practitioner		

Nurse Educator	
Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership	
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	35-47

### Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60120	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I	3
NURS 60130	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE	1
NURS 60230	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I	4
NURS 60330	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER II	2
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 61292	ADULT/GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 61392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER II PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

### Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60110	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST I	3
NURS 60210	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST II	3
NURS 60310	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST III	3
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 61192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST II PRACTICUM	3

NURS 63192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST III PRACTICUM	2
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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 28

### Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
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 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	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: 29

### Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
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 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
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: 35

### Nurse Educator Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
NURS 60592	NURSING EDUCATION PRACTICUM	3
NURS 60601	CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION IN NURSING EDUCATION	3
NURS 60602	ROLES AND EVALUATION FOR NURSING EDUCATION CURRICULA	3
NURS 60605	NURSING EDUCATION WITH TECHNOLOGY	2
NURS 60607	CLINICAL NURSING AND EDUCATION ISSUES IN A SPECIALTY AREA	1
NURS 67092	CLINICAL NURSING AND EDUCATION ISSUES IN A SPECIALTY AREA PRACTICUM	2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 23

### Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
NURS 60014	LEADERSHIP IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	3
NURS 60020	LEGAL AND REGULATORY MANAGEMENT FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	3
NURS 60024	HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND BEHAVIOR	3
NURS 60315	BUDGETARY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT FOR NURSES	3
NURS 64002	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	3
NURS 64202	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I SEMINAR	2
NURS 64292	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 64302	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II SEMINAR	2
NURS 64392	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II PRACTICUM	2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 23

### Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60170	PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE	3
NURS 60270	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER I	3
NURS 60370	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER II	1
NURS 60372	ADVANCED NURSING CARE OF THE CHRONICALLY ILL CHILD	3

NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
NURS 60470	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER III	2
NURS 61792	PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62792	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63792	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER II PRACTICUM	1
NURS 63992	ADVANCED NURSING CARE OF THE CHRONICALLY ILL CHILD PRACTICUM	2
NURS 64792	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER III PRACTICUM	1
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		29

## Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60012	ADVANCED MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	4
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60051	NEUROBIOLOGY AND PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY OF MAJOR PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS	4
NURS 60151	INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY	3
NURS 60251	FAMILY AND GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY	3
NURS 60353	INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	3
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3
NURS 61592	INDIVIDUAL THERAPY PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62592	MEDICATION MANAGEMENT AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63592	FAMILY AND GROUP THERAPY	2
NURS 64592	PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICUM IV: NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		34

## Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60140	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I	2
NURS 60240	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER II	2
NURS 60340	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER III	1
NURS 60440	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER IV	2
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING	3

NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 60540	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER V	2
NURS 61492	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62492	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER II PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63492	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER III PRACTICUM	1
NURS 64892	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER IV PRACTICUM	2
NURS 65892	WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER V PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
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- Minimum 300-675 clinical hours, depending on concentration
- Maximum six years of study. Under selected circumstances and upon the consent of the advisor, petitions for extensions of an additional one year to completion may be submitted to the concentration director.

## Dual Degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration and the M.S.N degree in Nursing. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The dual degree is for experienced nurses whose career goals include assuming middle or executive management positions in health services agencies or in health-related companies, or who are interested in starting their own businesses. It combines the strengths of advanced nursing preparation with the practical management knowledge needed to develop significant leadership capabilities.

## Dual Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ECON 52086 or ECON 62022	ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	2-3
ECON 62021	GLOBAL CONDITIONS AND MACROECONOMICS POLICY	2
FIN 66050 or NURS 60020	LAW AND ETHICS LEGAL AND REGULATORY MANAGEMENT FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	2
FIN 66060	MANAGERIAL FINANCE	2
MIS 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	2

MIS 64041	OPERATIONS, SERVICE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	2
MIS 64158 or NURS 60014	LEADERSHIP AND MANAGERIAL ASSESSMENT LEADERSHIP IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	2
MIS 64185	BUSINESS STRATEGY	3
MIS 64270	ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS AND DESIGN	3
MIS 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	2
MIS 68051	BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I	1
MKTG 65051	MARKETING MANAGEMENT	2
NURS 60010	ADVANCED NURSING INFORMATICS	3
NURS 60024	HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND BEHAVIOR	3
NURS 60025	HEALTH POLICY AND ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE	3
NURS 60101	THEORETICAL BASIS FOR NURSING PRACTICE I	3
NURS 60403	METHODS OF INQUIRY	3
NURS 64002	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	3
NURS 64202	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I SEMINAR	2
NURS 64292	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 64302	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II SEMINAR	2
NURS 64392	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II PRACTICUM	2
Business elective		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		58