NURSING - M.S.N.

College of Nursing
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About This Program

Take your nursing career to the next level. With a focus on evidence-based practice, leadership and interdisciplinary collaboration, you will be equipped to tackle the complex challenges of today's healthcare environment. Whether you are interested in a career as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, educator or administrator, the M.S.N. degree will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online (concentrations Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner)
  - Mostly online (concentrations Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

Applications to the Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration are not being accepted at this time.

What does delivery mean?

Examples of Possible Jobs and Salaries*

Medical and health services managers

- 23.2% much faster than the average
- 616,200 number of jobs
- $117,960 potential earnings

Nurse practitioners

- 40.1% much faster than the average
- 320,400 number of jobs
- $129,210 potential earnings

Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary

- 16.8% much faster than the average
- 91,600 number of jobs
- $79,940 potential earnings

Additional careers

- Clinical nurse specialists

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.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

Applications to the Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration are not being accepted at this time.

- Bachelor's and/or graduate degree from an accredited registered nursing program[1]
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate/graduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Active, unrestricted registered nurse license in the state in which clinical coursework will be completed
- Curriculum vitae (including activities such as national nursing certifications, professional organizations, clinical ladder, PI/QI projects, research, publications and military experience if applicable)
- Admission essay responding to the following questions (two pages, double spaced, 500 words):
  - How do you plan to contribute to the nursing profession and healthcare community after earning your M.S.N. degree?
  - How has your experience, professional development and service within the profession contributed to your readiness for graduate education?
  - What experience do you have working as a nurse caring for the underserved, high-risk or vulnerable populations?
- Three professional letters of reference from healthcare professionals, either a supervisor and/or an advanced practice nurse who can speak to the applicant's professional capabilities
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:[2]
  - Minimum 83 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 55 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 DET score

Admission to the M.S.N. degree is competitive and never guaranteed. Priority will be given to candidates with:

- Strong academic record
- Strong references
- Demonstrated experience in the area of interest
- National certification in a specialty as a nurse
- Membership in a professional nursing organization or military

- Documented community service
- Participation in an agency's Clinical Ladder, PI/QI Projects, research, publication or similar programs/projects
- Experience as a nurse caring for underserved, high risk or vulnerable populations

An additional interview video may be required. Students selected for admission to the nursing program must meet the College of Nursing's Clinical Compliance Policy.

[1] Applicants with an RN license and a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field — or with a bachelor's degree in nursing from a non-U.S. institution — will be considered based on faculty review of a portfolio submitted with the application.

[2] International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Priority deadline: March 1
- **Spring Semester**
  - Priority deadline: October 1
- **Summer Term**
  - Priority deadline: March 1

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
NURS 50089	INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE POLICIES [1]	3
or NURS 60025	HEALTH POLICY AND ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE	
NURS 60010	ADVANCED NURSING INFORMATICS [2]	3
NURS 60101	THEORETICAL BASIS FOR NURSING PRACTICE [3]	3
NURS 60403	METHODS OF INQUIRY [4]	3
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		18-35
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:		**30-47**

[1] NURS 50089 is only offered in another country for students who travel abroad. Students who are planning to earn the D.N.P. degree may take NURS 70685 or NURS 70686 toward this requirement. Students who are planning to earn the Ph.D. degree in Nursing may take NURS 70714 toward this requirement.

[2] Students who are planning to earn the D.N.P. degree may take NURS 70750 toward this requirement.

[3] Students who are planning to earn the Ph.D. degree in Nursing may take NURS 70715 toward this requirement.

[4] Students who are planning to earn the D.N.P. degree may take NURS 70630 toward this requirement. Students who are planning to earn the Ph.D. degree in Nursing may take NURS 70712 toward this requirement.

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60126	FAMILY AND ADULT GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE AND PROCEDURES	2
NURS 60129	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I	3
NURS 60230	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER III	4
NURS 60330	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER IV	2
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 61092	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 61392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER II PRACTICUM	2
NURS 62392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER III PRACTICUM	2
NURS 63392	ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER IV PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**31**

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
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 THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	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	2-3
NURS 63192	ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST III PRACTICUM	2-3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**28**

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
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 THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	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
Concentration Requirements		
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 THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	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
Major Requirements		
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	2
NURS 67092	CLINICAL NURSING AND EDUCATION ISSUES IN A SPECIALTY AREA PRACTICUM	2
Concentration Elective, choose from the following:		3-9
NURS 60015 & NURS 60045 & NURS 60441	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT and PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE and PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	
NURS 60016	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE NURSE LEADER	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**18**

Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
NURS 60014	LEADERSHIP IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	3
NURS 60016	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE NURSE LEADER	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 64292	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 64302	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	2
NURS 64392	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**24**

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60170	PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	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 THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	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
Concentration Requirements		
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 THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 61592	PRACTICUM I: INDIVIDUAL THERAPY	2
NURS 62592	PRACTICUM II: MEDICATION MANAGEMENT AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY	2
NURS 63592	PRACTICUM III: FAMILY AND GROUP THERAPY	2
NURS 64592	PRACTICUM IV: NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**34**

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
NURS 60015	ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3
NURS 60045	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60441	PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE	3
NURS 60506	CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES	3
NURS 66100	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER I	3
NURS 66192	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 66200	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER II	2
NURS 66292	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER II PRACTICUM	2
NURS 66300	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER III	3
NURS 66392	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER III PRACTICUM	2
NURS 66400	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER IV	2
NURS 66492	WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER IV PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**30**

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Minimum 300-600 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.
- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Meet standards for advanced practice certification or other advanced professional distinction.
2. Demonstrate 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, inclusive nursing care and promote quality outcomes in nursing and health care.

Program Policies

Clinical Compliance Policy

This policy applies to all students enrolled in B.S.N., M.S.N., D.N.P. degree programs and postmaster's certificates. Students must provide documentation of the following items to a third-party vendor that is

approved to track and maintain student health and other compliance documents. Students are responsible for all costs incurred in meeting the requirements for clinical compliance and for establishing and maintaining their third party account profile. Students in the B.S.N., M.S.N. and D.N.P. degree programs and College of Nursing post-master's certificates must be fully compliant with this policy prior to registering for their first practicum course.

Requirements

1. **Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or American Red Cross CPR/AED.** Ph.D. students must have CPR certification within the first semester of enrollment.
2. **Background Check:** Students are required to submit federal and state criminal background checks and incur the related costs. International students must meet university policy for admission.
3. **Healthcare Insurance:** Students must provide proof of health insurance. Students can submit either (a) a copy of an insurance card with the student's name on the card or (b) a copy of the health insurance statement coverage that indicates that the student is covered.
4. **Immunizations/Immune Status Testing:** Evidence of the required immunizations/tests must be provided on the Immunization and Physical Compliance Form available from the Office of Student Services. The form must be completed, dated and signed by a licensed health care provider then uploaded to the third party vendor's portal.
5. **Physical examination**: A physical examination is required within one year prior to admission to a clinical site. For students admitted into the B.S.N., M.S.N. and D.N.P. degrees or post-master's certificates, the provider conducting the physical must indicate that the student can perform activities in the nursing student's clinical and practicum courses, or can do so with reasonable accommodations, and is free of all communicable diseases. Students should request accommodations from the Office Student Accessibility Services. Failure to obtain the physical examination or the provider assurance may prevent the university from placing the student in a clinical setting.

Students who have allergic reactions, medical waivers, refuse vaccinations or other physiological conditions that preclude them from receiving vaccinations are required to contact the Office of Student Services upon admission to their academic program. Such conditions may prevent students from completing clinical/practical coursework at some partner agencies which may result in a delay of graduation.

Registered Nurse (RN) Licensure

Students enrolled in the B.S.N. (Nursing for Registered Nurses major), M.S.N., and D.N.P. degrees or post-master's certificates must have an active, unrestricted RN license in either (1) the state of Ohio for students taking on-campus courses or who will be completing practica in Ohio or (2) the state of residence and practice for applicants residing and completing practicum outside Ohio. They must obtain proof of the appropriate licensure within the first semester of their program or before starting their practicum hours, whichever comes first.

Students in the Ph.D. degree must have an active unrestricted Ohio RN license—or for international students, proof of legal ability to practice as a RN in country of origin. They must show proof of license at the time of admission into the Ph.D. degree.

Time Limit for Graduate Nursing Courses

Certain courses are critical to be completed within a timely manner for patient safety as well as student success in the program. This policy ensures that clinical skills and critical knowledge learned in specific courses taken three or more years ago are refreshed before moving to more advanced levels of practice.

Students who have stopped out of the clinical sequence of courses for a period of time must repeat the following practicum and corequisite lecture courses if they are three of more years old:

- NURS 60110 and NURS 61192
- NURS 60120 and NURS 61292
- NURS 60125 and NURS 61892
- NURS 60126 and NURS 61392
- NURS 60126 and NURS 61892
- NURS 60129 and NURS 61092
- NURS 60151 and NURS 61592
- NURS 60160 and NURS 61692
- NURS 60170 and NURS 61792
- NURS 60210 and NURS 62192
- NURS 60220 and NURS 62292
- NURS 60230 and NURS 62392
- NURS 60251 and NURS 63592
- NURS 60270 and NURS 62792
- NURS 60310 and NURS 63192
- NURS 60320 and NURS 63692
- NURS 60325 and NURS 63292
- NURS 60330 and NURS 63392
- NURS 60353 and NURS 64592
- NURS 60370 and NURS 63792
- NURS 60372 and NURS 63992
- NURS 60470 and NURS 64792
- NURS 62592
- NURS 66100 and NURS 66192
- NURS 66200 and NURS 66292
- NURS 66300 and NURS 66392
- NURS 66400 and NURS 66492

Certifying agencies and state licensing requirements for advanced practice registered nurses have time limits for critical courses. Courses completed outside of this time frame may need to be repeated prior to seeking national certification. Students are advised to check with certifying agencies and state licensing agencies upon admission to determine if the age of their prior courses will meet requirements.

Dual Degree with Master of Business Administration

Student 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 M.B.A./M.S.N. 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
Major Requirements		
ACCT 63037	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
ACCT 63038	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64005	ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING	2
BA 64027	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	2
CIS 64042	GLOBALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY	2
or NURS 60010	ADVANCED NURSING INFORMATICS	
ECON 52086	ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE	2-3
or ECON 62022	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	
ECON 62021	MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS	2
FIN 66050	LAW AND ETHICS	2-3
or NURS 60020	LEGAL AND REGULATORY MANAGEMENT FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	
FIN 66060	MANAGERIAL FINANCE	2
HRM 64271	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	2
MGMT 64158	LEADERSHIP	2
or NURS 60014	LEADERSHIP IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT	
MGMT 68051	BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I [1]	1
MKTG 65051	MARKETING MANAGEMENT	2
NURS 60016	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE NURSE LEADER	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	3
NURS 60403	METHODS OF INQUIRY	3
NURS 64002	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS	3
Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship Graduate Electives (50000 level or higher), choose from the following:		6
Any Accounting (ACCT) course		
Any Business Administration Interdisciplinary (BUS) course		
Any Business Analytics (BA) course		
Any Computer Information Systems (CIS) course		
Any Economics (ECON) course		
Any Entrepreneurship (ENTR) course		
Any Finance (FIN) course		
Any Human Resource Management (HRM) course		
Any Management (MGMT) course		
Any Marketing (MKTG) course		
Culminating Requirement		
MGMT 64399	BUSINESS STRATEGY	3
NURS 64292	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP I PRACTICUM	2
NURS 64302	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	2
NURS 64392	NURSING ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP II PRACTICUM	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**58**

[1] MGMT 68051 is required for students who have not worked a minimum of two years, full time, since obtaining their bachelor's degree. **Students waived the course may graduate with 57 credit hours.**

Full 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 allows students to attain advanced practice nursing competencies in providing evidence-based care to adults and older adults with complex acute and chronic illnesses. Clinical experiences occur in a variety of acute care settings, including general medical care, emergency care, critical care and specialty practice. Through clinical practicums, students provide direct patient care in collaboration with a team of health professionals to diagnose and treat patients across the continuum of health care services.
- 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 across the three spheres of impact: patient/direct care, nurses/nursing practice and organizations/systems.
- 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 practicums 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 allows students to develop in-depth knowledge and expertise in selected areas of nursing practice and the role of the nurse educator. Emphasis of the nurse educator role focuses on best practices in curriculum development,

instruction and evaluation that prepare students for teaching within a variety of learning environments in academic and staff professional development settings. Students engage in individualized practicum experiences where they apply content learned throughout the graduate curriculum in both their area of nursing practice and the nurse educator role.

- 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 in the primary care setting. 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.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

The Nurse Educator and Nursing Administration and Health Systems Leadership concentrations have an optional licensure that is not required in any state.