NURSING PRACTICE, DNP/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MBA

The Lubar School of Business and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing collaboratively offer a program designed to provide a combined nursing and business curriculum to strengthen the graduate's performance as a leader and manager in nursing and health care administration.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines
Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines).

Admission
Students are admitted to both the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee graduate programs in nursing and business administration. The admission requirements are consistent with those specified by the UWM Graduate School, College of Nursing and Lubar School of Business. Applicants may choose to complete either the GMAT (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gmat) or GRE (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre) and must have a BS in Nursing degree and at least two years' practice in a health care setting. Three letters of reference are required including one from a former faculty and one from a health care employer.

Credits and Courses

MBA foundation coursework provides the basis for the theory and practice of business. The MBA Program requires Bus Adm 701, Business Mathematics (2 cr), and Bus Adm 703, Financial Accounting (3 cr). Bus Adm 701 is waived for individuals who have completed an appropriate academic course in their background, or have earned an appropriate Quantitative sub-score on the GMAT (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gmat) or GRE (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre) or have passed the proficiency exam. Bus Adm 703 is waived for individuals who have completed an appropriate course in their background, or have passed the proficiency exam. Bus Adm 701 and Bus Adm 703 do not count toward the degree. Students are also assumed to have basic proficiency in information technology (IT), including the use of word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, and web browsers. Online resources are available for Bus Adm 701, 703, and IT.

For the coordinated degree program, students will complete 83 credit hours. A student not completing the requirements for the coordinated degree program would need to complete all requirements of an individual program—MBA or DNP—in order to receive a degree.

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**DNP Project**

The candidate will complete a final comprehensive clinical project as part of the *leadership practice immersion* experience, which demonstrates the ability to implement the principles of evidence-based practice and translation under the direction of the *faculty advisor*.

The candidate must, as the final step toward the degree, pass an oral examination in defense of the *DNP* project. A candidate who does not pass this examination may apply for reexamination within one year from the initial examination date. This reexamination may occur only one time. A candidate who does not pass this examination within program time limits may be required to undergo another comprehensive preliminary examination and be readmitted to the program and/or candidacy.

**Time Limit**

Students in the coordinated MBA/DNP degree program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.