

NURSING, MN

Master of Nursing

The Master of Nursing program is offered to prepare Advanced Generalist Nurses.

There are two entry options for the Master of Nursing Program:

1. Traditional program for individuals with a bachelor's degree in nursing and a current Registered Nurse license.
2. Direct Entry program for individuals with a degree in a field other than nursing and are not licensed as a Registered Nurse. This option includes an additional 16 month curriculum at the beginning of the program that leads to eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination.

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

Admission to the traditional program is the fall and spring of each year. Admission to the direct entry program is fall only. The admission requirements of the Advanced Generalist master's program in Nursing are consistent with those requirements specified by the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In addition, students must also meet the following requirements for the College of Nursing:

Traditional Option

1. A bachelor's degree in Nursing from a professionally accredited program, with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.0 scale).
2. Completion with a grade of B or higher of an upper-level undergraduate course in statistics within the five years immediately preceding admission.
3. Current registration as a professional nurse in the State of Wisconsin.
4. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) within the last five years. The master's program admission requirement of the GRE (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) will be waived for students who have completed a master's degree or a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher as calculated by the UWM Graduate School.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation for graduate study in nursing, two (2) of which are from persons most knowledgeable about the applicant's recent academic and work experiences. Personal interview with a faculty member may be requested.
6. Completion of an autobiographical sketch.

Direct Entry Option

1. A bachelor's degree, with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.00 (4.0 scale). Applicants with an undergraduate grade point average below a 3.00 but above a 2.75 may be considered for admission if, by the application deadline, the student either:
 - a. Has an advanced degree with a grade point average above 3.00,
 - OR

- b. Has completed a minimum of 24 credits post-baccalaureate with a grade point average above 3.00. At least one required science course must be included in the post-baccalaureate work.
2. Completion, with a grade of B or higher, and within the five years immediately preceding admission, of college coursework in the following areas:
 - upper-level undergraduate course in statistics
 - anatomy and physiology
 - growth and development
 - microbiology
 - biochemistry
 - nutrition
 3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) within the last five years. The GRE (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) requirement is waived for applicants whose prior education includes completion of a master's degree **or** a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher as calculated by the UWM Graduate School.
 4. Three (3) letters of recommendation for graduate study in nursing, two (2) of which are from persons most knowledgeable about the applicant's recent academic and work experience. A personal interview with a faculty member may be requested.
 5. Completion of an autobiographical sketch.

These data are used by the Admissions Subcommittee as indicators of academic potential.

Faculty Advisor

The student is assigned to a faculty advisor at the time of admission to advise and supervise the student's studies as specified in Graduate School regulations.

Credits and Courses

Direct Entry Curriculum

Students admitted to the Direct Entry Option complete a 16-month, full-time pre-licensure curriculum prior to beginning the advanced practice nursing master's program. Successful completion of all courses in the pre-licensure curriculum with a grade of B- or better is required prior to beginning the advanced practice nursing curriculum. Attainment of a Registered Nurse license is required prior to beginning the summer of the second year of the program.

Pre-licensure Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 653G	Foundations in Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice	4
NURS 654G	Health Assessment and Promotion	3
NURS 657G	Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 663G	Transformation to Professional Practice	2
NURS 670G	Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults I	3
NURS 671G	Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults II	3
NURS 672G	Nursing Care of Women and Infants	2
NURS 673G	Nursing Care of Children and Families	2

NURS 674G	Mental Health Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 717	Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 680G	Nursing and Society	4
NURS 681G	Professional Role in Health Care Systems	3
NURS 685G	Clinical Reasoning	5
NURS 686G	Professional Nursing Practicum I	3
NURS 688G	Professional Nursing Practicum II	4
Total Credits		46

Master of Nursing Curriculum Post-Licensure

If enrolled Fall 2015 or after:

Code	Title	Credits
Master's Graduate Nursing Core		
NURS 712	Health Promotion Perspectives	3
NURS 720	Biostatistics and Applications for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 725	Evidence Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 750	Outcomes and Quality Management	3
NURS 773	Information Systems to Support Clinical Decision-Making	3
NURS 803	Health Policy	3
Direct Care Core		
NURS 707	Advanced Pharmacology: Application to Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 753	Pathophysiologic Basis of Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 754	Comprehensive Assessment of Health: Implications for Clinical Decision-Making	3
Clinical Nurse Leader Role Competencies & Clinical Expectations		
NURS 709	Leading and Managing in Systems of Care	3
NURS 723	Evidence-Based Care Management	3
NURS 734	Master of Nursing Residency I ¹	3
NURS 789	Master of Nursing Residency II (Fulfills Master's Capstone Requirement) ¹	3
NURS 699G	Transformation to Clinical Leadership	1
Total Credits		40

RN to MN Option

The RN to MN track is designed for RN students who are interested in completing both a BS and a MN degree. Students in this option complete 9 credits of graduate core courses while enrolled in the BS in Nursing program designed for Registered Nurses. In the last semester of the BS program, they apply for admission to the graduate program. In addition to the admission requirements described above, students will be required to have completed the 9 credits of graduate core courses with a grade of B- or better. Upon admission they complete the remaining 24 required credits in the post-licensure MN curriculum.

Students accepted post BSN will complete the MN program by successful completion of the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate Core		
NURS 712	Health Promotion Perspectives	3
NURS 720	Biostatistics and Applications for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 725	Evidence Based Practice in Healthcare	3
NURS 728	Epidemiological Principles for Population Health	3
NURS 750	Outcomes and Quality Management	3
NURS 773	Information Systems to Support Clinical Decision-Making	3
NURS 803	Health Policy	3
Focused Core		
NURS 709	Leading and Managing in Systems of Care	3
NURS 723	Evidence-Based Care Management	3
NURS 734	Master of Nursing Residency I ¹	3
NURS 789	Master of Nursing Residency II (Fulfills Master's Capstone Requirement) ¹	3
Total Credits		33

¹ Connotes clinical course or clinical component

Additional Requirements

Minimum Grade Requirement

For continuance in the program, in addition to general Graduate School requirements students must achieve a minimum grade of B- in all required Master of Nursing practicum courses and a minimum grade of B- in all other required courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Master's Clinical Project

The student will complete a final comprehensive clinical project.

Time Limit

Students in the Master of Nursing program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.