

Master of Science in Nursing, MSN

Admission

Applicants to College of Nursing graduate programs must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Applicants must have a grade-point average of at least 3.00. A criminal background check is required for all students upon admission. The College of Nursing has additional application requirements, as follows.

Admission to the MSN Program

Application requirements specific to the MSN program are:

- transcripts from institutions for all undergraduate and graduate coursework; and
- completion of an upper-level statistics course within five years of the application deadline (acceptable University of Iowa courses include BIOS:4120 Introduction to Biostatistics, PSQF:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods, STAT:3510 Biostatistics, and STAT:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods).

Applications are reviewed once a year. To be reviewed, the application must be complete with all materials submitted.

Due to the level of web-based coursework required, international students in the MSN subprograms are not eligible for F-1 or J-1 student immigration status. Questions regarding visas and immigration documentation should be directed to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).

Additional Application Requirements

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Admission to the Clinical Nurse Leader Subprogram

Additional application requirements specific to the MSN with a clinical nurse leader subprogram are:

- a bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in nursing from an accredited program;
- approximately one year of experience;
- satisfaction of the legal requirements for the practice of nursing;
- current written recommendations from three persons knowledgeable about the applicant's competence in the practice of nursing and potential for leadership and scholarship (forms required); and
- a current résumé, goal statement (statement of purpose), statement of disclosure, and supplemental/information form.

Applicant interviews are required, and in some cases, virtual interviews may be arranged.

Admission to the Entry Into Practice Subprogram

Additional application requirements specific to the MSN with an entry into practice subprogram are:

- a bachelor's or advanced degree in a discipline other than nursing from an accredited college or university;
- completion of natural sciences courses within 10 years and/or a combination of related experience and training that provides the knowledge and abilities necessary to meet the objectives of the courses;
- completion of prerequisite coursework at the time of application (on track to have no more than two natural sciences and one social science unfinished at the end of the application semester);
- successful background and abuse checks;
- current written recommendations from three persons knowledgeable about the applicant's potential for the practice of nursing and leadership and scholarship (required forms provided at the time of application by the Graduate College); and
- other forms, including a leadership and experiences form, a statement of purpose form (two essay questions), a statement of disclosure form, and a justification form (if applicable).

Applicant interviews are required, and in some cases, virtual interviews may be arranged.

Applicants to the MSN entry into practice subprogram whose first language is not English and who do not meet the requirements for a waiver are required to submit English proficiency scores. For a complete list of accepted English proficiency exams, score requirements, and waiver eligibility, please refer to the English Proficiency Requirements on the Graduate Admissions website.

Prerequisites for Natural and Social Sciences

To be considered for admission, a maximum of two natural sciences courses and one social science course can be incomplete at the application deadline; all must be completed prior to enrollment in the MSN entry into practice subprogram.

Natural Science Prerequisites

Course #	Title	Hours
These are the courses that are considered prerequisites; applicants need equivalent coursework to these UI courses:		
BIOL:1141	Human Biology: Health Professions	4
CHEM:1070	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM:1080	General Chemistry II	3
HHP:2310	Nutrition and Health	3
HHP:2400	Fundamentals of Human Physiology	3
MICR:3164	Microbiology and Human Health	4
NURS:3518	Pathology	3
And one of these:		

ACB:3110	Principles of Human Anatomy	3
HHP:2100	Human Anatomy	3

Social Science Prerequisites

Course #	Title	Hours
These are the courses that are considered prerequisites; applicants need equivalent coursework to these UI courses:		
NURS:1030	Human Development and Behavior	3
And any two of these:		
ANTH:1101/IS:1101	Cultural Anthropology	3
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3-4
SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	3-4

Admission to the Nursing Systems Administration Subprogram

Additional application requirements specific to the MSN with a nursing systems administration subprogram are:

- a bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in nursing from an accredited program;
- approximately one year of experience;
- satisfaction of the legal requirements for the practice of nursing;
- current written recommendations from three persons knowledgeable about the applicant's competence in the practice of nursing and potential for leadership and scholarship (forms required); and
- a current résumé, goal statement (statement of purpose), statement of disclosure, and supplemental/information form.

Applicant interviews are required, and in some cases, virtual interviews may be arranged.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for the MSN subprograms are:

- MSN with clinical nurse leader subprogram: Feb. 1 for fall entry.
- MSN with entry into practice subprogram: March 15 for spring entry.
- MSN with nursing systems administration subprogram: Feb. 1 for fall entry.