

Master of Science in Nursing, MSN

Requirements

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) requires 32, 39, or 66 s.h., depending on the subprogram students choose to complete. Students maintain a Graduate College program grade-point average of at least 2.75. A final exam and thesis are not required.

Graduate students in the College of Nursing must adhere to all Graduate College policies regarding academic standing, probation, and dismissal. Transfer credit applicable to the MSN is limited and must be approved by the program director and College of Nursing associate dean for undergraduate and MSN-EIP programs or associate dean for graduate practice programs. Coursework taken 10 years or more before the MSN final examination must be updated according to university policy.

MSN Subprograms

- Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)
- Entry Into Practice (EIP)
- Nursing Systems Administration (NSA)

Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)

The Master of Science in Nursing with a clinical nurse leader subprogram is not currently admitting new students.

The Master of Science in Nursing with a clinical nurse leader subprogram requires 39 s.h. of graduate credit, including a core component of 21 s.h., which students take with College of Nursing doctoral students, and a specialization component of 18 s.h. that centers on the clinical nurse leader role. The clinical nurse leader subprogram focuses on improving the quality of patient care and helping professional nurses to thrive in the health care system. The clinical nurse leader role has demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes, elevating current evidence-based practice, enhancing quality, and providing continuous leadership in the microsystem.

Students must successfully complete a capstone immersion.

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For sample plans, see MyUI.

The MSN with a clinical nurse leader subprogram requires the following coursework.

CNL Required Coursework

| Course # | Title | Hours |
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| NURS:5007 | Applied Epidemiology | 3 |
| NURS:5009 | Evaluating Evidence for Practice | 3 |
| NURS:5010 | Clinical Data Management and Evaluation | 3 |
| NURS:5016 | Health Care Infrastructure and Informatics | 3 |
| NURS:5017 | Quality and Safety | 3 |

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| NURS:5021 | Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology I for the Clinical Nurse Leader | 3 |
| NURS:5022 | Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology II for the Clinical Nurse Leader | 3 |
| NURS:5037 | Health Promotion and Assessment for Clinical Nurse Leaders | 3 |
| NURS:5636 | Clinical Nurse Leader Seminar | 3 |
| NURS:5666 | Leadership in the Microsystem | 3 |
| NURS:5696 | Clinical Nurse Leader Capstone Clinical Immersion | 6 |
| NURS:6045 | Fundamental Principles of Nursing Education for Academic and Practice Settings | 3 |

Total Hours **39**

Entry Into Practice (EIP)

The Master of Science in Nursing with an entry into practice subprogram requires 66 s.h. of graduate credit. The subprogram is an innovative program located on the Iowa City campus. The entry into practice subprogram leads to an MSN degree that prepares students who do not currently have a nursing degree an opportunity to enter the health care workforce quickly. Class sizes are small and offer unparalleled educational excellence and clinical practice.

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For sample plans, see MyUI.

The MSN with an entry into practice subprogram requires the following coursework.

EIP Required Coursework

| Course # | Title | Hours |
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| NURS:3128 | Health Assessment and Communication Across the Lifespan | 3 |
| NURS:3138 | Nursing and Pharmacological Interventions I | 5 |
| NURS:3151 | Introduction to Clinical Concepts for Nursing | 2 |
| NURS:3438 | Nursing and Pharmacological Interventions II | 5 |
| NURS:3451 | Basic Clinical Concepts for Nursing | 1 |
| NURS:3620 | Gerontological Nursing | 3 |
| NURS:3631 | Nursing Care of Children and Families | 2 |
| NURS:3632 | Nursing Care of Childbearing Families | 2 |
| NURS:3640 | Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS:3645 | Mental Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |

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| NURS:3650 | Community and Public Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS:3651 | Advanced Clinical Concepts for Nursing | 1 |
| NURS:4155 | Nursing Internship | 5 |
| NURS:5002 | Leadership and Management Essentials | 3 |
| NURS:5009 | Evaluating Evidence for Practice | 3 |
| NURS:5015 | Health Systems, Finance, and Economics | 3 |
| NURS:5017 | Quality and Safety | 3 |
| NURS:5210 | Foundations of Professional Nursing | 1 |
| NURS:5215 | Medical Surgical Care of Chronically Ill Adults | 3 |
| NURS:5220 | Medical Surgical Care of Acutely Ill Adults | 3 |
| NURS:5225 | Community Health Across the Lifespan Practicum | 4 |
| NURS:6808 | Population Health for Advanced Practice | 3 |
| NURS:6811 | Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 66 |

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| NURS:6851 | Advanced Leadership and Management Didactic | 3 |
| NURS:6910 | Scientific Inquiry | 3 |
| NURS:6920 | Evidence-Based Practice | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 32 |

Nursing Systems Administration (NSA)

The Master of Science in Nursing with a nursing systems administration subprogram requires 32 s.h. of graduate credit. The subprogram focuses on preparing nurse leaders to serve in a variety of managerial and leadership capacities in all practice environments. The program focuses on graduate-level practice in nursing and health care leadership and the interventions that influence health care outcomes for individuals, populations, or systems.

Students must successfully complete a graduate-level guided capstone program implementation project.

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For sample plans, see MyUI.

The MSN with a nursing systems administration subprogram requires the following coursework.

NSA Required Coursework

| Course # | Title | Hours |
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| NURS:5810 | Specialty Practice in Nursing Systems Administration | 4 |
| NURS:6030 | Innovative Leadership for Healthcare | 3 |
| NURS:6031 | Global Health for Populations | 3 |
| NURS:6032 | Quality Improvement in Healthcare | 3 |
| NURS:6830 | Informatics and Health Care Infrastructure | 3 |
| NURS:6831 | Financial Management With Practicum | 4 |
| NURS:6841 | Innovation Seminar with Field Experience | 3 |