Master of Science in Nursing, M.S.N.

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 g.p.a. 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 M.S.N. Program

Application requirements specific to the M.S.N. program are:

• a bachelor's or advanced degree with a major in nursing from an accredited program;
• satisfaction of the legal requirements for the practice of nursing;
• 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 M.S.N. clinical nurse leader program 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).

Admission to the Clinical Nurse Leader Subprogram

Additional application requirements specific to the M.S.N. with a clinical nurse leader subprogram are:

• 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 Nursing Systems Administration Subprogram

Additional application requirements specific to the M.S.N. with a nursing systems administration subprogram are:

• 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 to the M.S.N. programs are:

• M.S.N. with clinical nurse leader subprogram: February 1 for fall entry.
• M.S.N. with nursing systems administration subprogram: February 1 for fall entry.