

# NURSING, M.S.N.

The Master of Science in Nursing degree offers two concentrations: Nursing Education and Nursing Administration.

The concentration in Nursing Administration requires 37 credits and is designed to be completed in six semesters of full-time study, beginning in August and ending in May of the final year. The concentration in Nursing Education requires 38 credits and is designed to be completed in seven semesters, beginning in August and ending in December of the final year.

All degree requirements must be met within five academic years of initial enrollment. In addition to courses required for the degree program, students may enroll in independent study courses to enhance their program of study. No foreign language is required.

Please refer to the preceding enrollment requirements for all graduate nursing students.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

The Associate Dean for Academic Programs reviews the credentials of each applicant in collaboration with faculty from each specialty area. Exceptions to the requirements can be made on the recommendation of the faculty. The Associate Dean for Academic Programs forwards the admission recommendation to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education who makes the final decision.

## Applicants must have the following credentials:

- Current unrestricted licensure as a registered nurse in one of the fifty states or validated credentials by CGFNS for international applicants. Residents of North Carolina must hold unrestricted North Carolina licensure as a registered nurse.
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- Minimum of one year clinical experience full time.
- A personal statement is required for consideration of admission to the Nursing Education Concentration MSN program or post-baccalaureate certificate; the Nursing Administration Concentration MSN program or post-baccalaureate certificate; the post-baccalaureate certificate in nursing.
- An interview is required for selected applicants for the Nursing Education Concentration MSN program or post-baccalaureate certificate; the Nursing Administration Concentration MSN Program or post-baccalaureate certificate; the post-baccalaureate certificate in nursing.
- Nonresidential international students are required to participate in a telephone interview.

## Degree Program Requirements

### Nursing Administration Concentration

Required: 37 credit hours

| Code                    | Title  | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b> |  | <b>37</b>    |
| NUR 540                 | Financial Management in Healthcare                               |              |
| NUR 601                 | Critique and Utilization of Research in Nursing Administration * |              |

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| NUR 607 | Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Negotiation      |
| NUR 609 | The Role of the Nurse Leader in Advanced Quality and Safety            |
| NUR 614 | Information Technology in Nursing Administration                       |
| NUR 620 | Law, Policy, and Economics of Healthcare                               |
| NUR 641 | Leadership and Management Essentials in Healthcare: Theories and Roles |
| NUR 644 | Organizational Leadership and Management                               |
| NUR 645 | Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations                      |
| NUR 646 | Nursing Administration Practicum                                       |
| NUR 715 | Research Methods in Nursing  |

\* Capstone Experience

### Nursing Education Concentration

Required: 38 credit hours

| Code                    | Title  | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b> |  | <b>38</b>    |
| NUR 551                 | Integrating Technology in Nursing Education  |              |
| NUR 612                 | Theoretical Foundations for the Advanced Nurse Educator  |              |
| NUR 615                 | Curriculum Design and Evaluation in Advanced Nursing Education   |              |
| NUR 616                 | Pedagogical Strategies for Advanced Nursing Education  |              |
| NUR 620                 | Law, Policy, and Economics of Healthcare   |              |
| NUR 651                 | Advanced Application of Nursing Concepts in Client Care (in clinical focus area) (in clinical focus area)        |              |
| NUR 653                 | Advanced Application of Nursing Concepts in Academic Education (in clinical focus area) (in clinical focus area) |              |
| NUR 708                 | Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing  |              |
| NUR 713                 | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning  |              |
| NUR 713L                | Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Skills Lab   |              |
| NUR 709                 | Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing   |              |
| NUR 696                 | Capstone Course for Advanced Nursing Education Practice *  |              |
| NUR 715                 | Research Methods in Nursing  |              |

\* Capstone Experience

### Required Withdrawal

Withdrawal from the program will be recommended if the student:

- Fails to register for two consecutive semesters (fall and spring) in the nursing curriculum.
- Has earned a "B-or below" in more than 6 semester hours of course work.
- Has earned a "B-or below" in any nursing specialty course.

- Has earned a failing grade in any course.
- Has a GPA that indicates the inability to meet the 3.0 required for graduation.
- Does not complete requirements for the degree within the time limit (5 academic years).