

# Master of Science in Nursing

Mount Mercy University's Master of Science in Nursing program is focused on health promotion and disease prevention, and is dedicated to preparing graduates to lead the profession in meeting the challenges of an ever-changing, complex healthcare system. Whether employed in the community or an in-patient setting, nurses will acquire the knowledge and skills to lead, teach, advocate and practice with individuals, families and communities at an advanced level.

The format of the master's nursing degree program allows students to focus on a specific area of interest with the flexibility of taking one class at a time. A full-time student may complete the MSN program in approximately 18 months. This non-thesis program includes a clinical project to be completed within the practicum experience.

The master's degree program in nursing at Mount Mercy recognizes the heritage of the Sisters of Mercy in meeting the needs of others as it prepares nurses in advanced roles in education and health advocacy. Two tracks are available: Health Advocacy and Nursing Education.

MSN students build the necessary skills, for example, to: implement appropriate nursing interventions; integrate knowledge gained from a baccalaureate nursing education with advanced knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention; and engage in critical inquiry.

## Requirements

### Core courses

NU 500	Nursing Theory and Research	3
NU 501	Health Care Systems: Leadership, Organizations and Technology	3
NU 503	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3
NU 504	Professional Role and Skill Development	3
NU 660	Professional Practicum	3
Track (see below)		12

Cognates 9

NU 510	Advanced Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	
NU 512	Epidemiology	
NU 513	Environmental Health	
NU 514	Global/International Health	
NU 651	Technology in Health Care Systems	

Any track course other than the primary can be used as a cognate.

Total Hours 36

Nursing Education Track 12

NU 621	Nurse Educator: Roles and Responsibilities	
NU 622	Nurse Educator: Curriculum & Instr Design	
NU 623	Nurse Educator: Teaching/Learning Strategies	
NU 624	Nursing Educator: Assessment and Evaluation	

Health Advocacy Track 12

NU 631	Health Advocate: Multicultural Populations	
NU 632	Health Advocate: Assessment, Policy Development & Assurance	

NU 633	Health Advocate: Community Program Planning and Design	
NU 634	Health Advocate: Leadership and Management	
Nurse Administrator Track		12
NU 641	NA: Leadership & Management in Nursing and Health Care	
NU 642	NA: Financial & Human Resource Management in Nursing and Health Care	
NU 643	Methods of Quality Management	
NU 644	Organizational Effectiveness	

## Post-Master's Certificates

The post-master's certificates in nursing at Mount Mercy University assist post-graduate nurses who seek to enhance their expertise and gain competency in an area of nursing not previously studied. Mount Mercy University's post-master's certificate programs in nursing will also strengthen the capability of master's or doctorally prepared nurses who are planning on, or are already involved in, a role expansion or change. Graduate students currently enrolled in the Mount Mercy University MSN program who seek to expand their area of expertise may also obtain a certificate in a program of study in a track in which they are not currently enrolled.

Post-graduate certificates in nursing are available in the following areas:

-Nursing Education

-Health Advocacy

-Nursing Education

### **Admission Requirements to All MMU Post-Graduate Certificate Nursing Program**

-Master's or doctoral (PhD or DNP) degree in nursing from a program accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE) or National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)

-Completed online application (includes the following)

oResume with evidence of relevant professional experience

oPersonal statement

-Current RN licensure

-Official transcripts from all schools previously attended. Transcript must include documentation of coursework in statistics

-Criminal background check (prior to the initiation of the practicum experience)

-Two recommendations from professional supervisors, instructors, peers, or colleagues qualified to assess candidate's strengths

-Additional admission requirements related to international students are listed below

\*Do not need to be repeated for current MMU MSN students or within one year of graduation from MMU.

**Awarding of Certificate**

Students must complete all courses required for the certificate they are seeking with a B- or above. Post-graduate certificate programs may be completed in less than 7 months, but must be completed within 6 years. Time to completion may vary by student, depending on individual progress and credits transferred.

NU 643	Methods of Quality Management	3
NU 644	Organizational Effectiveness	3
NU 660	Professional Practicum	3
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Total Hours		15

**Transfer of Graduate Courses**

Upon admission to the post-graduate certificate program in nursing, students may transfer in one graduate course with the approval of the Program Director. The maximum number of transferable credit hours is 3. Credit allowance for graduate courses is considered on an individual basis, however, students must have earned a "B" or higher for the course to be considered.

Course syllabi, college catalog, and a sample of previous course work may be requested for consideration of a class. While enrolled in the post-graduate certificate program at Mount Mercy, students should not enroll for academic credit at other institutions without the permission of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Approval, via a petition, must be granted prior to a course being taken at another institution and will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

**Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Education**

NU 621	Nurse Educator: Roles and Responsibilities	3
NU 622	Nurse Educator: Curriculum & Instr Design	3
NU 623	Nurse Educator: Teaching/Learning Strategies	3
NU 624	Nursing Educator: Assessment and Evaluation	3
NU 660	Professional Practicum	3
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Total Hours		15

**Post Master's Certificate in Health Advocacy**

NU 503	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention	3
NU 512	Epidemiology <sup>1</sup>	3
NU 631	Hlth Advocate: Multicultural Populations	3
NU 632	Hlth Advocate: Assess, Policy Dev & Assurance	3
NU 633	Health Advocate: Community Program Planning and Design	3
NU 634	Health Advocate: Leadership and Management	3
NU 660	Professional Practicum	3
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Total Hours		21

<sup>1</sup> NU 512 - Epidemiology is highly recommended but not required.

**Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing Administration**

NU 641	NA: Leadership & Management in Nursing and Health Care	3
NU 642	NA: Financial & Human Resource Management in Nursing and Health Care	3