Nebraska Wesleyan University

Nursing (R.N. to M.S.N.)

Catalog

2016-2017

Program Description

The R.N. to M.S.N. program is designed for students who possess a record of academic excellence and wish to accelerate their progress toward earning a master's degree. While pursuing the MSN, students will earn a B.S.N. degree when degree requirements have been met. Admission to the R.N. to M.S.N. program considers the additional requirements of the M.S.N. program.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program, students must meet all general admission requirements of Nebraska Wesleyan University, as well as the following specific admissions requirements of the RN-MSN program:

- Graduation from a state-approved nursing program with a diploma or an associate degree in nursing
- A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completed nursing prerequisites with a grade of B or above (one science must include laboratory):
    - English (3 credits)
    - Anatomy and Physiology (6-8 credits)
    - Microbiology (3-4 credits)
    - General Chemistry (3-4 credits)
    - Introductory Psychology (3 credits)
    - General Sociology (3 credits)
- One year of experience working as a registered nurse within the last three years
- An unencumbered active Nebraska or compact state nursing license with expiration date
- Successful completion of a background check, drug screen, immunization tracker, and essential functions form.

Departments

1. Nursing (Graduate)

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Required B.S.N. Courses	26 hours
NURS 2330 Health Assessment	3 hours
NURS 3040 Global Health	3 hours
NURS 3340 Health Care Ethics	3 hours
NURS 3360 Introduction to Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	4 hours
NURS 4400 Management and Leadership in Health Care	4 hours
NURS 4460 Community Health Nursing	4 hours
NURS 4460L Community Health Nursing Clinical	2 hours

Required B.S.N. Courses	26 hours
Elective. Select one of the following:	
• NURS 4900 Selected Topics • NURS 4960 Special Projects	3 hours

Required Supporting Courses	6 hours
BIO 4700 Pathophysiology	3 hours
Department Approved Lifespan Development Course	3 hours

Core B.S.N./M.S.N. Courses	9 hours
The following graduate courses are used for both the B.S.N. and M.S.N. degrees:	
NURS 5020 Health Care Statistics (as a substitute for MATH 1300)	3 hours
NURS 5150 Concepts and Theories in Nursing (as a substitute for NURS 3310)	3 hours
NURS 5200 Critical Issues in Health Care (as a substitute for NURS 3050)	3 hours

Core M.S.N. Courses	9 hours
NURS 5050 Research and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing and Health Care	3 hours
NURS 5100 Transcultural Health Care	3 hours
NURS 5120 Advanced Nursing Practice	3 hours

Nursing Speciality Courses - Select one Track	18 hours
The Nurse as Educator:	
NURS 5520 Curriculum Development in Nursing	
NURS 5530 Nursing Education Roles and Methods	
NURS 5560 Teaching Strategies, Assessment, and Evaluation	
NURS 5570 Program Planning in Nursing	
NURS 5580 Nursing Education: Implementation and Evaluation	
NURS 5590 Professional Nurse Educator Practicum	
The Nurse as Leader, Manager, and Entrepreneur:	
NURS 5400 Nursing Leadership and Management I	
NURS 5410 Economic Policy in Health Care System	
NURS 5420 Finance and Accounting in Health Care System	
NURS 5460 Nursing Leadership and Management II	
NURS 5470 Practicum in Nursing Administration	
NURS 5490 Nurse as Entrepreneur	

Major Project in Nursing Education or Nursing Administration	3 hours
NURS 5990 Major Project in Nursing	3 hours