**Nebraska Wesleyan University**

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

## Catalog

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## 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 masterâ??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)

### Master of Science in Nursing (R.N. to M.S.N.)

| Required B.S.N. Courses | 24 hours |
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| NURS 2330 Health Assessment | 3 hours |
| NURS 3040 Global Health | 3 hours |
| NURS 3340 Health Care Ethics | 3 hours |
| NURS-3460 | NURS-3460 |
| NURS 4400 Management and Leadership in Health Care | 4 hours |
| NURS 4460 Community Health Nursing | 5 hours |

| Required B.S.N. Courses | 24 hours |
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| Elective. Select three hours from the following:<br>• NURS 3510 Insight into Death, Dying, and Grief<br>• NURS 3800 Introduction to Forensic Nursing<br>• NURS 4200 Nursing in the 21st Century: Current Topics<br>• NURS 4900 Selected Topics<br>• 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 | 3 hours |
| NURS 5530 Nursing Education Roles and Methods | 3 hours |
| NURS 5560 Teaching Strategies, Assessment, and Evaluation | 3 hours |
| NURS 5570 Program Planning in Nursing | 3 hours |
| NURS 5580 Online Education:Implement & Evaluation | 3 hours |
| NURS 5590 Professional Nurse Educator Practicum | 3 hours |
| **The Nurse as Leader, Manager, and Entrepreneur:** | |
| NURS 5400 Nursing Leadership and Management I | 3 hours |
| NURS 5410 Economic Policy in Health Care System | 3 hours |
| NURS 5420 Finance and Accounting in Health Care System | 3 hours |
| NURS 5460 Nursing Leadership and Management II | 3 hours |
| NURS 5470 Practicum in Nursing Administration | 3 hours |
| NURS 5490 Nurse as Entrepreneur | 3 hours |
| **Master's Capstone** | **3 hours** |
| NURS 5880 IRB Submission | 1 hour |
| NURS 5990 Major Project in Nursing | 2 hours |