

**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**

Welcome to the Master of Science in nursing program, nurse practitioner option, a part of the Department of Nursing at Southeast Missouri State University.

The University's graduate nursing program is the only graduate nursing program physically located in the region and focuses on the assessment, management, and delivery of health care services to individuals and families across the lifespan. Emphasis is directed to health care needs of underserved populations in rural areas. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The MSN program prepares graduates for the delivery of primary health care and for critical investigation, integration, and synthesis of scientific knowledge in advanced nursing practice. MSN preparation provides a foundation for doctoral study.

\*Priority admission deadline for Fall is February 1\*, with admissions continuing until seats are filled.

**Graduate nursing students will be...**

/ Prepared at the master's level within the discipline of nursing as well as receive preparation in an advanced nursing role as a family nurse practitioner.

/ Exposed to a variety of teaching modalities including face-to-face instruction, completely online instruction, and heavily blended delivery of instruction.

/ Expected to complete hands-on experiences in a variety of settings with experienced preceptors in preparation for the family nurse practitioner role.

/ Eligible, upon graduation, to register for a national certification examination for family nurse practitioners with completion of the family nurse practitioner option.

/ Able to use information systems and technology to enhance the delivery of health care.

**Career Planning**

Since the induction of the program, over 25 years ago, Southeast graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner option have a 97.4% first-time pass rate on the American Nurse Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination, a nationally normed examination pre-requisite to being recognized or licensed by most State Boards of Nursing in an advanced practice role. And for the past 5 years, the ANCC pass rates have been 100%.

*NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:*

<https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.

**Employment Opportunities for MSN Graduates as Appropriate to the Family Nurse Practitioner**

- Faculty of Schools of Nursing
- Ambulatory Practice Sites
- Community-based Health Centers
- Rural Health Clinics
- Day & Home Care Programs
- Extended Care Facilities
- Federal Government Agencies
- Federally-Qualified Health Centers
- Health Departments
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Non-profit Organizations
- Homeless Shelters
- Private/For-profit Organizations
- Nursing Staff Development Programs

**Admission Requirements**

1. A baccalaureate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
2. A minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Current licensure as a registered professional nurse that allows practice within the state of Missouri.
4. An undergraduate course in health assessment or demonstrated proficiency in health assessment which includes physical examination and history taking with a grade of B or higher.
5. An introductory course in statistics (graduate or undergraduate) with a grade of B or higher.
6. Current CPR (professional level) certification.
7. Statement of academic goals and objectives for graduate study/advanced practice.
8. Clinical experience as a registered nurse prior to admission is strongly recommended.
9. In addition to completing the University application for admission, applicants must also complete the Department of Nursing's MSN program application.

**Special Options with Major**

Special course fees are required for this program of study.  
[semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule](http://semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule)

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students routinely meet with an academic advisor and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST****Nursing Major –43 hours****Core Requirements:**

- NS601 Informatics for Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
- NS602 Quality and Safety in Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
- NS603 Organizational & System Leadership for Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
- NS604 Evidence-Based Practice: Synthesis and Translation (3)
- NS610 Policy, Politics, and Advocacy in Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
- NS625 Advanced Pharmacology (4)
- NS627 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (0.5)
- NS628 Advanced Health Assessment (3.5)
- NS636 Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
- NS642 Advanced Roles Seminar I (1)
- NS645 Advanced Roles Seminar II (1)

**Family Nurse Practitioner Option - 14 Hours**

- NS637 Primary Care I Practicum (4)
- NS638 Primary Care I (3)\*
- NS647 Primary Care II Practicum (4)
- NS648 Primary Care II (3)

\*Requires an exam average of 80% or higher in NS625, NS628, NS636, NS638 and NS648. Requires a minimum grade of B in NS627, NS637, and NS647.

**Choose one capstone experience:****Non-Thesis Option:**

- MSN Portfolio (0)
- GR698 Comprehensive Written Examination (0)

**Thesis Option:**

- NS694 Thesis (3)
- GR699 Comprehensive Oral Examination (0)

**Degree Requirements**

The MSN curricula are hybrid curricula with courses delivered in heavily blended formats (75-99% of course content online), completely online formats, and face-to-face formats.

The 5-semester FNP Option starts in the fall semester and includes one summer semester with total semester course load varying from 7-10 credit hours per semester.

A total of 43 credit hours plus successful completion of a capstone experience is required for the Master of Science in Nursing degree within the Family Nurse Practitioner Option.

In the 8.5 clinical credit hours embedded within the total (43) for the FNP Option, students complete 765 clock hours of clinical experiences.

Should a student drop from the program for any reason, re-admission or continuation is based upon seat availability.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Department of Nursing's Director of Graduate Studies to learn more about the MSN Program and to ask any questions that they may have.

Additional information may also be found on the MSN web page: <http://semo.edu/nursing/msn/index.html>