

# NURSING

## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 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 meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### 43 Hours Required

##### Core Requirements:

- \_\_\_ NS601 Informatics for Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
- \_\_\_ NS603 Advanced Diagnostics & Reasoning for Primary Care (3)
- \_\_\_ NS610 Public Policy & Issues in Health Care (3)
- \_\_\_ NS614 Evidence Based Practice & Quality Improvement for the Advanced Practice Nurse (3)
- \_\_\_ NS625 Advanced Pharmacology (3)\*
- \_\_\_ NS627 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum (0.5)^
- \_\_\_ NS628 Advanced Health Assessment (3.5)\*
- \_\_\_ NS636 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)\*
- \_\_\_ NS637 Primary Care I Practicum (4)^
- \_\_\_ NS638 Primary Care I (3)\*
- \_\_\_ NS646 Role of the APRN (3)
- \_\_\_ NS647 Primary Care II Practicum (4)^
- \_\_\_ NS648 Primary Care II (3)\*
- \_\_\_ NS654 Primary Care for the Pediatric Client (2)
- \_\_\_ NS656 Women's Health in Primary Care (2)

\*Requires an exam average of 80% or higher

^Requires a minimum grade of B in NS627, NS637, and NS647

Special course fees are required for this program of study and can be found at <https://semo.edu/student-support/financial-services/cost/index.html>

### 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 track 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 is required for the Master of Science in Nursing degree within the Family Nurse Practitioner track.

In the 8.5 clinical credit hours embedded within the total (43) for the FNP track, 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 strongly encouraged to meet with 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:

<https://semo.edu/academics/programs/education-health/graduate/msn-nursing.html>

### Admission Requirements

This program includes only a family nurse practitioner track.

Applications are evaluated as received, and admission continues until all seats are filled.

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must submit an application to the Department of Nursing found at <https://semo.edu/academics/programs/education-health/nursing/pdfs/msn-application.pdf>. The application may be mailed to the department at the address provided or may be submitted via email at [nursinggradstudies@semo.edu](mailto:nursinggradstudies@semo.edu).

Applicants must also have the following:

1. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from a program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
2. A minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
3. Current unencumbered RN license that allows practice within the state of Missouri (MO license or multistate)
4. An undergraduate or graduate statistics course with a grade of B or higher
5. Current BLS certification (professional level)
6. Statement of academic goals and objectives for graduate study/advanced practice

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit

<https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

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