

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Welcome to the Master of Science in nursing program, a part of the Department of Nursing at Southeast Missouri State University. The MSN degree offers a family nurse practitioner (FNP) option.

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. Particular 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 advanced nursing care and for critical investigation, integration, and synthesis of scientific knowledge in advanced nursing practice. MSN preparation provides a foundation for doctoral study.

Admission Deadline for each Fall Semester is April 1

Becoming Career Ready...

/Students become 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 or a nurse educator.

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

/Students are expected to complete hands-on experiences in a variety of settings with experienced preceptors in preparation for the family nurse practitioner or nurse educator role.

/Students are eligible, upon graduation within the FNP option, to register for a national certification examination for family nurse practitioners OR upon graduation within the Nurse Educator option and with pre-requisite post-graduation experience, to register for a national certification examination for nurse educators.

/Students learn how to use information systems and technology to enhance the delivery of health care.

Career Planning

Southeast graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner option have a 97% first-time pass rate on the American Nurse Credentialing Center's 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.

Employment placement for MSN graduates is nearly 100% within the first six months post-graduation.

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

- 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 (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
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. A graduate course in statistics within the last five years with a grade of B or higher
5. Current CPR (professional level) certification
6. Statement of academic goals and objectives for graduate study/advanced practice
7. Clinical experience as a registered nurse prior to admission is strongly recommended

Special Options with Major

Special course fees are required for this program of study.
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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 – 41-43 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. The 7-semester Nurse Educator Option starts in the fall semester and includes two summer semesters with total semester course loads varying from 1-10 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. A total of 41 credit hours plus successful completion of a capstone experience is required for the Master of Science in Nursing degree within the Nurse Educator 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. In the 6.5 clinical credit hours embedded within the total (41) for the Nurse Educator Option, students complete 585 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: <http://semo.edu/nursing/msn/index.html>