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RN TO MSN PATHWAYS

Expedite your MSN degree and advance your health care career

Prepare to assume a health care leadership role with a Master of Science in Nursing degree from National University. If you are a registered nurse with an associate or diploma in nursing (ADN), but do not hold a BSN degree, this program is right for you.

Go from your ADN to your MSN with a specialization of your choice, more quickly and affordably than pursuing your BSN first. A bachelor's degree or BSN is not required for entry into the RN-MSN Pathway program.

Specializations Include:

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-L)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Options to Bridge Into The MSN Program

Option 1: Portfolio Course

Option 2: Courses in Leadership, Community Health, and Evidence-Based Nursing

Program Highlights

- Courses can be completed online, apart from practicum courses*
- Minimal on-campus requirements
- Degree can be completed in 12-21 months
- Course lengths range from 4-12 weeks
- Board certification review course for nurse practitioner specialties
- One-on-one faculty advising and consultation with industry experts

** Program practicum is completed in faculty-approved clinical settings. Minimal onsite meetings for nurse practitioner tracks.*

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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RN to MSN Admission Requirements

Candidates who hold a nursing diploma, or an associate nursing degree from a nursing program that meets one of these criteria 1) State Board of Nursing approved, 2) Nationally accredited nursing program, 3) from a regionally accredited University/School, if applicable and have completed a general education curriculum or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) in these areas:

- Physical and Biological Sciences
- Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Arts, Humanities, and Language
- Writing, Speech, and Communication

*Exception: Candidates do not need to have a bachelor's degree for admission to the graduate program as specified in Academic Information for Graduate Degrees and Credentials, Admission procedures.

- Candidates must select one of the RN-MSN pathway bridge options and successfully complete the required courses prior to beginning Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) core requirements.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Candidates with a GPA of 2.5-2.99 will be considered by the MSN Admission Committee on a case by case basis.
- Have completed the MSN application packet.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Implement appropriate theories, models, frameworks, and concepts for nursing and non-nursing disciplines when designing interventions that influence health care outcomes for diverse populations in a variety of settings
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to evaluate fiscally appropriate health care delivery systems that integrate research and clinical expertise to provide evidence-based, patient-centered care
- Evaluate economic, policy, environmental, and social forces that impact nursing practice, health care delivery, and quality of health care
- Participate in the analysis, implementation, and evaluation of strategies for improving nursing practice through the implementation of health information systems and technologies
- Demonstrate a professional commitment to creating an environment of lifelong learning for patients, families, communities, and other health care practitioners

Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Nursing requires a minimum of 49.5-82.5 quarter units of graduate credit, with a minimum of 40.5 quarter units completed at National University. Refer to the General Catalog section on graduate admission requirements for specific information regarding admission and evaluation. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must maintain a B (84%) in all core and specialization courses.

RN-MSN Pathway

Candidates that do not hold a bachelor's degree for admission to the graduate program will follow one of the RN-MSN pathways. Candidates accepted into the RN-MSN must provide completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma Nursing Program and hold an unencumbered Registered Nurse license.

- Option 1 - Only if a student holds an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing and have at least one year of registered nursing experience in leadership, community health, and quality improvement are eligible to complete NSG 500.
- Option 2 - Student holds an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing with no registered nursing experience in leadership, community health and quality improvement.

Fees vary based on program selection and RN to MSN pathway option.

RN-MSN Pathway Course Requirements

(1 course; 6 quarter units OR 6 courses; 25.5 quarter units)

Option 1

NSG 500 RN-MSN Portfolio Transition (6 quarter units)

OR

Option 2

ALL the following six (6) courses

NSG 444 Community Population NSG (6 quarter units)
Corequisite: NSG 444A

NSG 444A Comm Pop NSG Practicum (3 quarter units)
Corequisite: NSG 444

NSG 442 NSG Leadership and Management
Corequisite: NSG 442A

NSG 442A NSG LDRSHP & MGMT Practicum (3 quarter units)
Corequisite: NSG 442

NSG 447 Qual Improvement
Corequisite: NSG 447A

NSG 447A Qual Improvement Practicum
Corequisite: NSG 447

Core Requirements

(6 courses; 27 quarter units)

NSG 600 Advance Practice Nursing

NSG 620 Theory in Advanced Practice

NSG 623 Biomedical Statistics

NSG 606 Health Policy & Finance

NSG 622 QI & Project Management

NSG 607 EBP for Advanced NSG Practice

Students must pass all core courses before beginning specialization courses. Please see specialization program information for details on specialization courses