



R.N.-B.S.N.-M.S.N. in Nursing

College of
Nursing

Registered nurses who have an associate degree or diploma in nursing can apply for a combined, accelerated course of study in which they can earn both a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing. In addition to completing the University Studies Program requirements for the baccalaureate degree, the student must complete the course work listed in the Sample Plan of Study.

All R.N.-M.S.N. students are admitted at the graduate level and pay graduate-level tuition and fees. Students in the R.N.-M.S.N. program take 12 credit hours of graduate-level pharmacology, research, pathophysiology and leadership, which fulfill the B.S.N. and M.S.N. course requirements. R.N.-M.S.N. students therefore save one semester of study over students who first finish their B.S.N. and then work toward a master's degree.

Application materials are due by May 1. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available. Students are admitted in the fall semester only.

Admission Requirements

- Be a licensed registered nurse, having earned either a diploma in nursing or an associate degree in nursing from an accredited program.
- Diploma graduates must successfully complete ACT-PEP test.
- Completion of all University Studies requirements, 9 credit hours of professional electives, and a minimum of 95 earned credit hours.
- 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
- Satisfactory scores on the GRE general test (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical sections). Minimum scores of 400 are preferred.
- RN licensure required in state where clinicals take place. Clinical experience prior to first clinical course.
- Three letters of reference. Include one from a recent employer and one from a nursing faculty member. Two of the three must be from nurses.
- Statement of academic and profession goals.
- Interview with graduate faculty member.
- Admission to the University of Kentucky Graduate School.

R.N.-B.S.N.-M.S.N. Degree Requirements

Students in this program must meet the degree requirements for both the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the Master of Science in Nursing program.

In addition to completing the University Studies Program requirements, students must complete the following:

Sample Curriculum R.N. - B.S.N. - M.S.N. Program

YEAR ONE

	Hours
Fall Semester	
NUR 514 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NUR 602 Research Methods in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR 854 Advanced Concepts in Professional Nursing	4
STA 570 Basic Statistical Analysis	4
or	
EDP 557 Gathering, Analyzing, and Using Educational Data	3
Spring Semester	
NUR 653 Pathophysiology	3
NUR 883 Public Health Nursing	5
Elective	3
Summer (Eight-Week Session)	
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6

YEAR TWO

	Hours
Fall Semester	
NUR 601 Theoretical Basis for Advanced Practice Nursing	2
NUR 652 Pharmacologic Applications in Primary Care	3
*NUR 7XX Specialty Seminar	3
Spring Semester	
NUR 604 Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR 631 Applications of Advanced Health Assessment	2
NUR 7XX Practicum I	6
Summer (Eight-Week Session)	
*NUR 632 Comprehensive Patient Management I	2

YEAR THREE

	Hours
Fall Semester	
NUR 603 Clinical Reasoning in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR 605 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
Spring Semester	
*NUR 633 Comprehensive Patient Management II	4
NUR 7XX Practicum II	4
<i>*Nurse practitioner students only.</i>	

Graduate course work required for the student's program of study is located in the College of Nursing *Graduate Student Handbook*.