Master of Science in Nursing
Offered by Northern Kentucky University

Program Description

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program curriculum provides students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills that support advanced nursing practice and role development. The program of study is built around core courses branching into two areas of specialization: nursing administration (with a focus on case management, nursing education, long-term care [LTC] administration, or acute care administration) and primary care nurse practitioner (with specialty areas in family, adult, pediatric, or geriatric).

The degree will prepare professional nurses to assume advanced leadership and clinical positions in today’s dynamic and changing health-care delivery system.

See the Master of Science in Nursing website for more information.

Program Length:
Students may complete the courses on a full or part-time basis

Number of students admitted:
100

% of program offered via KYVU:
100

Credits needed to graduate:
36

Degree/Credential awarded:
Masters

Accreditation (if any):
National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC)
Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs, 61 Broadway,
New York, NY 10006; Kentucky Board of Nursing, 312 Whittington
Parkway - Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40222-5172; and the Southern
Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

Awarded by:
Northern Kentucky University

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Admission Requirements

Admission to the primary care nurse practitioner track is selective and competitive. Those who apply by 30 October for spring semester and 28 February for fall semester of the year they wish to enter will have priority consideration for admission. Applications received after the priority deadlines will be accepted on a seat-available basis. 1) Students need to complete the Online Graduate Application for admission. 2) Submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Programs, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099: a) Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. b) GRE (Graduate Record Examination) including verbal, quantitative, and writing test.

Note: Internet access and an active e-mail account are required for this program.

How to Apply for Admission:
Students need to complete the Online Graduate Application for admission.

Academic Prerequisites

Applicants must also meet the following criteria: 1) be a graduate of a National League for Nursing accredited BSN program and have 2000 hours clinical experience as a registered nurse; 2) students who are an RN from a NLN accredited associate degree or diploma school of nursing who have a bachelor’s degree in a subject other than nursing may be eligible for an accelerated curriculum. Please contact the director of the MSN program to discuss specific details of requirements. 3) have a college course in each of the following: elementary statistics, basic nursing research, physical assessment, and nursing theory; 4) achieve a cumulative value index of at least 1800 when the GPA and GRE scores are computed in the following formula: GPA x 200 + GRE = 1800. Scores from all three areas (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) of the GRE exam will be used when the GPA and GRE score are computed. (After October 2002 the analytical test will be replaced by a writing test.) 5) submit proof of current nursing license and be eligible for licensure in Kentucky and Ohio.

Tuition, Fees & Financial Aid

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Additional Tuition Information:

The online program rate is resident rates plus a $20 per credit hour online fee.

Financial Aid Opportunities for this Program:

Learn more about financing your education on the Office of Financial Assistance Web site.