

**ONLINE**

# Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)



A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is an advanced-level degree designed for experienced nurses who are graduates of an accredited BSN program seeking additional education in Nursing. Our MSN program prepares registered nurses to enter positions in management, administration, and education. The degree can focus on one or more advanced nursing specialties such as nursing education or leadership. The MSN degree is a total of 33 credits (10 courses) and 500 clinical hours. The MSN program is an online program with courses offered over a 15 week semester.

## Specializations

### Nursing Education 33 credits

Our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Nursing Education, allows you to greatly influence the future of healthcare by educating the next generation of nurses. This degree prepares you to work as a nurse educator in various settings such as nursing schools, community colleges, technical schools, healthcare organizations, and continuing education programs. You will be responsible for developing curriculum, teaching and mentoring students, evaluating their performance, and staying updated with the latest nursing trends and technologies. You might also take on leadership roles within educational institutions or contribute to research and policy-making to improve nursing education standards.

### Leadership 33 credits

Our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Leadership allows you to pursue various advanced roles in the healthcare industry. This degree equips you with the skills to effectively manage and lead healthcare teams, implement strategic planning, and improve healthcare delivery systems. You can work as a nurse manager, clinical director, healthcare administrator, or nurse consultant. Additionally, this degree can prepare you for executive roles such as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) or Director of Nursing. In these roles, you can influence healthcare policies, improve patient care quality, and contribute to your organization's overall growth and development.

## MSN Course Requirements

### Core Course Requirements (12 credits)

- NURS 620- Leadership, Role Development, and Foundations of Practice (3 credits)
- NURS 621- Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 credits)
- NURS 622- Policy, Diversity, and Ethical Issues in Healthcare (3 credits)
- NURS 623- Population Health, Health Promotion and Disease prevention (3 credits)

### 3 P's Course Requirements (9 credits)

- NURS 626 - Advanced Pathophysiology (3 credits)
- NURS 627 - Advanced Pharmacology (3 credits)
- NURS 628 - Advanced Physical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning (3 credits)

### Nursing Education Track. (12 credits)

- NURS 660 - Teaching strategies, learning theories and Curriculum design (125 clinical hours) (3 credits)
- NURS 661 - Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education (125 clinical hours) (3 credits)
- NURS 662 - Education Practicum (250 clinical hours) (6 credits)

### Leadership Track. (12 credits)

- NURS 665 - Leadership strategies (125 clinical hours). (3 credits)
- NURS 666 - Finance in nursing practice (125 clinical hours). (3 credits)
- NURS 667 - Leadership Practicum (250 clinical hours. (6 credits)

**\*All MSN Tracks require 500 clinical hours**

## Admission Requirements

You must possess the following qualifications for admission to the MSN program.

- Application\*
- A BSN from an NLNAC-, ACEN-, CNEA-, or CCNE-accredited nursing program at a regionally accredited institution;
- An undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may be admitted on a probationary basis. Students admitted on probation will be considered for full admission after satisfactory completion of six credits of graduate coursework with a grade of B in each course.
- Current unencumbered Compact State RN license.
- Licensure as an unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) in Pennsylvania prior to either Education or Leadership Track clinical hours/practicum.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
- A 250 to 500-word personal statement, with your name as a header, concerning your interest and reason for applying.
- Professional résumé.
- Interview may be requested by the School of Nursing.

Please submit all application materials to [gradstudy@holyfamily.edu](mailto:gradstudy@holyfamily.edu)

*\*The Holy Family University School of Nursing admission process is based on a holistic review approach. Each applicant is assessed individually, which includes a balanced consideration given to experiences, attributes, academic metrics and how the applicant might contribute value as a Master of Science in Nursing candidate. Each application is reviewed to assure that all students who complete the process are considered.*

## Accreditation

The Master of Science (MSN) program in Nursing at Holy Family University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

## Please contact us with your questions.

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