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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

School of Nursing



Program Description

The M.S.N. is an online degree offered cooperatively by Columbus State University and Georgia Southwestern University, both fully accredited institutions in the University System of Georgia. The school of nursing is also fully accredited with the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing. The 36-38 hour program prepares professional registered nurses for advanced practice nursing roles. Nursing education concentration prepares nurses to facilitate learning in various environments through the application of knowledge in instructional design, curriculum development, technology utilization, and evaluation of learning. Leadership concentration prepares nursing leaders who are able to influence, design, manage, transform, and evaluate the evolution of nursing services and care delivery. Informatics concentration prepares graduates who are proficient in health information technology and essential informatics competencies to function within health care environments.

Career Opportunities

Prepares professional nurses to assume entry-level teaching positions in collegiate and hospital settings. Roles within Nurse Educator practice include:

- Educator in collegiate or post-secondary setting
- Health educator
- Program planner
- Staff educator
- Patient educator
- Researcher
- Collaborator
- Consultant
- Case manager
- Practitioner
- Health care provider

Program of Study

1. Core Required Hours: 15

NURS 6104 Theory for Graduate Nursing Practice

NURS 6105 Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice

NURS 6106 Advanced Pharmacology

NURS 6107 Advanced Pathophysiology

NURS 6108 Advanced Health Assessment

Complete one of the following tracks:

1. Leadership Required Hours: 18

NURS 6100 Principles of Leadership & Management within Health Care Organizations

NURS 6119 Information Technology in Health Care

NURS 6210 Management of Human Resources in Health Care

NURS 6230 Health Care Delivery Systems

NURS 6240 Health Care Finance

NURS 6407 Practicum

2. Education Required Hours: 18

NURS 6110 Principles of Education in Nursing

NURS 6119 Information Technology in Health Care

NURS 6220 Effective Teaching/Learning Strategies

NURS 6330 Evaluation of Learning

NURS 6407 Practicum

NURS 6440 Curriculum Development

3. Informatics Required Hours: 18

NURS 6407 Practicum

NURS 6720 Applied Statistics and Data Mining

NURS 6730 Process Improvement for Health Care

NURS 6740 Health Information and Exchange Standards & Models

NURS 6750 Health Systems Project Management

NURS 6760 Clinical Decision Support Systems

Thesis/Project Required Hours: 3

NURS 6800 Independent Study (optional)

NURS 6999 Focused Project in Nursing

Total Hours Required: 36

Admission Requirements

Baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited university and a nationally accredited nursing program (NLNAC or CCNE)

Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (regular admission) or 2.75 (provisional admission)

Current unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical course requirements will be met

Three (3) professional letters of reference

Acceptance into the Graduate School at Columbus State University

Students who do not meet GPA and/or GRE minimal admission requirements may be admitted on a provisional basis. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA in their coursework once admitted into the program

