Nursing, M.S. in Nursing
Natural Science

The Department of Nursing offers a hybrid online program leading to the Master of Science degree with a major in Nursing. The program is approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and CCNE accredited. Students may choose to complete a core population based MS in Nursing only or add additional course work for specialization in nursing education or advanced community/public health.

APPLICANTS
Program applicants must meet the following requirements to be fully admitted. Students may complete a maximum of 12 quarter units with conditional admission prior to being fully admitted:
1. BSN or BS/BA in related field plus competency verification.
2. GPA of 3.0 in last 90 quarter (60 semester) units attempted.
3. Current CA RN license.
4. Professional and/or academic competence in nursing via 3 recommendations. (2008)
5. Graduate Entrance Writing Requirement
6. Upper Division Statistics Course
7. NURS 601: Prep for MSN Learning with Technology

SPECIAL FEATURES
Small class sizes ensure personalized attention
Coursework is available in hybrid/online format
Outstanding faculty
Published scholars
Active researchers
Experienced educators
Clinical experience in a variety of settings*
WASC approved program
CCNE accredited
* access to clinical agency requires insured transportation

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK
Expansion of health services is due to population growth, an increase in number of elderly in population, Medicare, increasing participation in hospitalization and health plans, and greater emphasis on preventive health services and rehabilitation of the handicapped. The need for staff nurses, nursing administrators, educators, researchers, and community/public health nurses is critical, offering almost unlimited advancement opportunities to nurses holding bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degrees in nursing. Salaries will vary with size and type of employer, geographic location, course work, and professional assistance.

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS
Colleges and Universities
Community Clinics
Community Service Organizations
Government Agencies
Home Health Care Agencies
Correctional Facilities
Hospices
Hospitals
Nursing and Convalescent Homes
Public and Private Schools
Public Health Departments

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The professional nurse with a bachelor's degree is prepared to function in a variety of health care settings. Some careers require additional education and experience, in order to function in an advanced role.

CAREER FIELDS
Office Nurse
Nurse Consultant
Public Health Nurse
Clinical/Staff Nurse
Private Duty Nurse
Home Health Care Nurse
Mental Health Nurse
Military Nurse
Nursing Administration

Nurse Educator, in academic and non-academic settings
Distance Learning and Nursing Education
Technology
Training Director
Public Health Educator
Head Nurse
Occupational Health Nurse
DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS
1. MS in Nursing students must carry malpractice insurance in the amount of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and $3,000,000 aggregate in order to be admitted to clinical courses. This can be obtained through the university with the applicable fee.
2. Students must meet departmental medical compliance requirements. Please contact the department for more details.
3. Students must have current health insurance.
4. Students must have a current background check prior to their clinical experience.
5. Students must have access to insured transportation for their clinical experience.
6. Students must have a current American Heart Association CPR Healthcare provider level card.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Core Courses – all programs (39 Units)
NURS 600 Population Health Assmt (6)
NURS 610 Program Planning & Eval (6)
NURS 620 Health Policy Leadership (6)
NURS 646 Epidemiology (4)
NURS 635 Biostatistics (4)
NURS 645 Adv Nursing Research (4)
NURS 655 Theoretical Foundations (4)
NURS 630 Advanced Nursing Roles (3)
NURS 688 Advanced Role Practicum (2)

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Population-Based Advanced Practice Nursing (45 units)
330 clinical hours
The following culminating sequence:
NURS 690 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination (2) and NURS 999 Comprehensive Examination (0)
Elective (4)

Nurse Educator (for academic and healthcare settings) (53-57 units): 330 clinical hours
NURS 658 Nursing Education: Curriculum & Instruction (4)
NURS 659 Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education (4)
NURS 660 Instructional Technology in Nursing Education (4)
One of the following culminating sequences (2-6 units):
Clinical Project
NURS 697 Clinical Project in Nursing (6)
Thesis Research
NURS 699 Thesis Research in Nursing (6)
Comprehensive Examination
NURS 690 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination (2)
NURS 999 Comprehensive Examination (0)

Advanced Community/Public Health Nursing (59-67 units):
510 hours
1. Choose from the following:
a. One of the above concentration sequences
b. Twelve units of electives.
2. NURS 681 & 682 Advanced Community/Public Health Internship I & II (3+3)
3. One of the following culminating sequences (2-6 units):
A. Clinical Project
NURS 697 Clinical Project in Nursing (6)
B. Thesis Research
NURS 699 Thesis Research in Nursing (6)
C. Comprehensive Examination
NURS 690 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination (2)
NURS 999 Comprehensive Examination (0)

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