Master of Science in Nursing Online Programs

- Nursing Education
- Health Systems Leadership

COLLEGE OF NURSING
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

2012–2013
The M.S.N. program at NSU offers additional education for B.S.N.-prepared nurses working or interested in the areas of nursing education and health systems leadership.

The 39-credit M.S.N. program offers two tracks of study: education and health systems leadership. The 15-credit core M.S.N. courses remain constant, but the 24 credits for each track are specific to the area of interest.

M.S.N. core courses are taught online by faculty members with advanced preparation and extensive experience in the area of specialization. Each area of specialization includes practicum experience, allowing the student to apply and synthesize knowledge gained from all courses. An assigned faculty adviser is available for individualized program advisement. The director of the M.S.N. program may be contacted as needed.

**M.S.N. PROGRAM GOAL**

The graduate program builds on baccalaureate education and prepares graduates for advanced roles within the discipline of nursing.
PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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Graduates of the M.S.N. Program will be able to

1. exhibit leadership through collaboration to promote quality and safety for improved patient outcomes
2. transform clinical and educational practice through the integration of evidence
3. design innovative strategies to improve practice environments
4. incorporate knowledge of ethical and legal issues relevant to advanced nursing roles
5. advocate for equitable health care policies that improve population health
6. promote a culture of lifelong learning embracing professional nursing standards and values

EDUCATION TRACK OUTCOMES

The student successfully completing this track will be able to

1. utilize evidence in educational design, implementation, and evaluation
2. employ instructional strategies that recognize the diverse learner
3. implement assessment and evaluation methods in a variety of learning environments
4. analyze the teaching, scholarship, and service roles of the nurse educator
HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP TRACK OUTCOMES

The student successfully completing this track will be able to

1. integrate leadership and systems theories to promote quality and safety within complex health systems

2. utilize technology, evidence, and interprofessional collaboration to improve patient outcomes in complex health systems

3. apply business principles and practices within a health care delivery model

4. design change strategies to meet regulatory standards based on analysis of current trends and data
# M.S.N. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

## CORE REQUIRED M.S.N. COURSES

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<td>NSG 5111 Evidence and Practice</td>
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<td>NSG 5130 Health Care Policy</td>
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<td>NSG 5270 Information Management and Data Analysis</td>
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**Total Core Courses** 15
In addition to the core M.S.N. courses, the courses listed below are required to complete the desired nursing track.

**M.S.N. EDUCATION**

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**M.S.N. HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP**

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<td>NSG 5470  Business and Economics of Health Care</td>
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<td>NSG 5490  Health Systems Leadership Nursing Practicum</td>
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NURSING EDUCATION/HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

1. Complete application, which will include a nonrefundable, $50 application fee. Access the application online at www.nova.edu/nursing.

2. The Office of Admissions works on a rolling basis. M.S.N. candidates must submit all application documents and transcripts by August 1 for consideration for the August entering class and by December 1 for consideration for the January entering class. Applications are accepted year round for M.S.N. entering classes.

3. Applicants must submit official college or diploma-based transcripts of all completed coursework and all recommendation forms to the NSU Enrollment Processing Services. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent to the address below.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Nursing, Office of Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

4. If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The official evaluation must be sent directly to NSU from the evaluation service. For evaluations, please contact one of the following:

World Education Services: www.wes.org
Josef Silny & Associates: www.jsilny.com
Educational Credential Evaluators: www.ece.org

5. Two recommendation forms must be completed by individuals other than relatives (suggested sources are professors and academic advisers). Have accurate contact information for these individuals ready to be entered online during the application process.

If, at any time, an applicant chooses to withdraw the application from consideration, he or she should do so in writing.
M.S.N. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

NURSING EDUCATION/HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

Prospective M.S.N., Nursing Education/Health Systems Leadership students are selected for admission based on application content, academic record, professional nursing licensure, and evaluation forms.

Admission to the M.S.N. program with specialty tracks in Nursing Education or Health Systems Leadership requires

1. a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from a regionally accredited college or university* with a National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) program of nursing

2. a B.S./B.A. GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

3. current, active U.S. nursing license (If applicant does not hold this license, the applicant’s license must be approved by the nursing department chair and the dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing.)

4. completion of a college-level statistics course (from a mathematics department) with a C or better

5. a completed application with a writing sample, two recommendation forms, and the application fee

6. official transcripts from each university or college attended

Start Dates: August and January

Length: May be completed in seven terms

Degree: M.S.N.

The M.S.N. program tracks in nursing education and health systems leadership are online. For further information, call the admissions office at (954) 262-1114 or 877-640-0218.

* Students who enter the M.S.N. program without a B.S.N. will only be allowed to enter the program in August. They will be required to enroll in NSG 4900 Bridge Course in Nursing Concepts in the first semester of admission to the M.S.N. program.
Tuition for 2012–2013 is $550 per credit hour. Tuition for 2013–2014 will subsequently be posted on our Web site (www.nova.edu/nursing/msn). An NSU student services fee of $900 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Acceptance Fee—$200. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering, first-term class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due at registration, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.
ACCREDITATIONS
The NSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are Accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (AACN/CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, telephone number: (202) 887-6791.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Nondiscrimination
Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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