

MASTER'S ENTRY TO PRACTICE, M.S.N.

The Master's Entry to Practice (MEPN) program is an entry into practice master's degree that provides students with a previously earned bachelor's degree the opportunity to gain education and experience as a direct care provider of nursing in a variety of settings. The degree also provides an advantage to adult learners choosing nursing as a second career allowing them to become a nurse in a shorter amount of time and to earn a higher degree as opposed to a second baccalaureate degree.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), examination in order to obtain a registered nurse license.

Learning Outcomes

- Apply theoretical knowledge to the practice of advanced nursing roles.
- Utilize evidence to address population health problems.
- Demonstrate professionalism at the advanced nursing level in the clinical setting.
- Pursue quality, effectiveness, and innovation in shared leadership of interprofessional health teams.

Requirements for Earning the M.S.N. Degree Include the Following:

1. completion of an approved program of study;
2. completion of an applied research course, **NURS 791**;
3. a GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses attempted for graduate credit and all courses numbered 700 and above;
4. a GPA of a 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on all courses on the approved program of study;
5. passing a comprehensive assessment during the last semester of the program.

Course Requirements (76 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
NURS 700	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundation for Nursing	3
NURS 709	Pathophysiological Concepts for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 711	Pharmacotherapies for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 712	Health Assessment for Nursing Practice ⁺	3
NURS 713	Nursing Practice Fundamentals ^{*, +}	4
NURS 714	Maternal/Newborn Nursing Practice ^{*, +}	4
NURS 715	Pediatric Nursing Practice ^{*, +}	4
NURS 720	Clinical Application of Population Analysis	3
NURS 721	Gerontological Nursing Care	2
NURS 723	Medical Surgical Nursing Practice I ^{*, +}	5
NURS 726	Medical Surgical Nursing Practice II [*]	5
NURS 729	Psychiatric Nursing Practice ^{*, +}	4
NURS 730	Population Health Nursing	3
NURS 745	Nursing Ethics, Policy & Advocacy	3
NURS 746	Informatics, Technology, and Emerging Issues	3
NURS 747	Leadership and Safety for Nursing Practice	3

NURS 748	Care Coordination and Outcomes Management [*]	3
NURS 750	Transition to Nursing Practice I [*]	3
NURS 751	Transition to Nursing Practice II [*]	3
NURS 789	Statistical and Research Methods for Nursing Practice	3
NURS 791	Seminar in Clinical Nursing Research	3
Select 6 hours of electives ¹		6
Total Credit Hours		76

* Indicates courses with field study hours

+ Indicates courses with lab hours

¹ All electives must be 500 level or higher and approved by the academic advisor prior to enrollment.