

# MS in Nursing Graduate Entry Program

## Admission Requirements

- **Master of Science Graduate Entry Program** The master of science graduate entry program is for individuals without previous nursing preparation who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing.
- Students complete prelicensure and master's courses concurrently. Upon successful completion and degree conferral, students will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
- **Baccalaureate Field** Baccalaureate degree in any field.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of the first baccalaureate degree.
- **Tests Required** None.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
  - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Recommendations** Three references are required as part of the application. All references will be submitted electronically through the University Graduate Application. References must use the College of Nursing Recommendation form which will be emailed to them through the graduate application.
- **Nursing Supplemental Application** Submitted electronically as part of the University Graduate Application. Questions can be viewed prior to application on the College of Nursing website.
- **Current resume or curriculum vitae**
- **Prior Academic Coursework** All prerequisite coursework, including prerequisite science courses, must be completed by the end of the spring semester preceding matriculation into the program. Two of the four prerequisite science courses must be completed by the application deadline (currently January 15). A grade of C or better must be earned in all prerequisite courses. All science prerequisites must be completed within seven years of enrollment. Prerequisite coursework can be completed at any college or university (including city/community colleges). A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required in the prerequisite science courses.
  - General Chemistry with laboratory, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, or Biochemistry (4 hours)
  - Microbiology (3 hours)
  - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with laboratory (8 hours)
  - Statistics (3 hours)
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be interviewed by a faculty member. Suitable applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview as appropriate.

## Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 71 hours is required for students without previous nursing preparation who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing.
- **Coursework**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURS 409	Health Assessment and Communications	
NURS 411	Foundations of Nursing Practice	
NURS 419	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 1	
NURS 420	Patho-Pharm 2	
NURS 423	Adult Health Nursing 1	
NURS 433	Adult Health Nursing 2	
NURS 443	Nursing Care of Women and Childbearing Families	
NURS 453	Pediatric Health Nursing	
NURS 458	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	
NURS 463	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	
NURS 473	Population Health Nursing	
NURS 502	Ethical Foundations and Communication Across Cultures	
NURS 503	Quality Improvement and Clinical Synthesis	
NURS 514	Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology	
NURS 524	Foundations for Scholarship	
NURS 538	Quality and Safety in Healthcare	

## Other Requirements

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options** Coursework only.
- **Other Requirements** Students are required to provide documentation of immunizations, background check results, drug screens, HIPAA training, and CPR certification. A brief grace period will be granted to any new student who does not meet this requirement. Please see the College of Nursing website for [specific requirements for each program](#). All information must be submitted before students are allowed to register for courses.