MS in Nursing

Admission Requirements

Transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

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- **Baccalaureate Field** Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN accredited program or a baccalaureate degree in another field and have graduated from a nursing program preparing the student for registered professional nursing. Students who are registered nurses but have a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing will have additional course requirements at the beginning of their program of study consisting of any or all of the following: NURS 212, NURS 232, NURS 312, and NURS 352.
- **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** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR,**
  - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subsections, 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 Course Work** Applicants must have completed introductory courses in both statistics and research or their equivalent prior to starting the MS program.
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction prior to enrollment. A brief grace period will be granted to any new student who does not meet this requirement. A compliance hold will be placed on the UIC student account until the student submits their RN license. Any post-licensure student who fails to submit proof of RN licensure to UIC by December 1st of their first semester in the College of Nursing will be dismissed.
- Suitable applicants will be contacted by a faculty member or Office of Academic Programs staff member to schedule an interview as appropriate.

Master of Science Graduate Entry Program

- **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** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR,**
  - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subsections, 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 Course Work** All prerequisite course work, 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 course work can be completed at any college or university (including city/community colleges). A minimum GPA of 2.5 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.

a *The GRE is not required for the upcoming Fall 2024 admission cycle.*

Degree Requirements

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

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** At least 34 hours are required to complete the Master of Science degree for students who hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Students who are registered nurses but have a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing complete additional course requirements. A minimum of 77 hours is required for individuals without previous nursing preparation who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing.
- **Course Work**

Required Courses for All Master's Students

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 511	Epidemiology & Statistics for Evidence-Based Practice	
NURS 515	EBP 1: Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice	
NURS 516	EBP 2: Implementing Evidence-Based Practice	
NURS 517	Leadership, Policy, and Interprofessional Collaboration: Effecting Change in Complex Health Systems	
NURS 518	Quality and Safety Through Health Technologies	
NURS 519	Health Equity and Social Determinants	
NURS 532	Comprehensive Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	
NUPR 520	Clinical Synthesis Practicum for the Advanced Generalist	
Students can either take NURS 531, NURS 534, and NURS 535 (advanced science) if they plan to go on for their DNP, or they can take College of Nursing courses in one of the postbaccalaureate certificate programs below.		
Global Health Nursing Certificate		
Hospice and Palliative Care Certificate		
School Nurse Certificate [a]		
Sleep Health Certificate		
Teaching/Learning in Nursing and Health Sciences Certificate		
Registered nurses with a bachelor's degree who elect to take courses in one of the post-baccalaureate certificate programs will also take a combined pathophysiology/pharmacology course (currently offered under NUEL 594) along with the postbaccalaureate certificate courses.		

a *Available only to students who are registered nurses.*

Registered Nurses with Non-Nursing Baccalaureate Degree

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following at the beginning of the program of study:		
NURS 212	Health Assessment and Communication	
NURS 242	Concepts and Processes in Contemporary Nursing	
NURS 385	Nursing Care of Populations (RN to BSN)	
Credit may be awarded for some of these course requirements following review by the Graduate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and approval of the director of graduate studies.		

Graduate Entry Students without a Nursing Background

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following prelicensure course work:		
NURS 403	Cultural Fluency, Communication, and Ethics	
NURS 404	Integrated Health Care: Concepts and Skills	
NURS 406	Integrated Health Care: Community	
NURS 408	Integrated Health Care: Adult/Older Adult	
NURS 412	Integrated Health Care: Women, Children and Family	
NURS 414	Integrated Health Care: Mental Health	
NURS 421	Pathophysiology	
NURS 422	Pharmacology	
NUPR 405	Integrated Practicum I	
NUPR 410	Integrated Practicum II	
NUPR 415	Integrated Practicum III	
NUPR 416	Integrated Practicum IV	
NUPR 420	Clinical Synthesis	

Other Requirements

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only.
- **Other Requirements** Students are required to provide documentation of immunizations, background check results, drug screens, HIPAA training, CPR certification, and current nursing license. A brief grace period will be granted to any new student who does not meet this requirement. A compliance hold will be placed on the UIC student account until the student submits their RN license. Any post-licensure student who fails to submit proof of RN licensure to UIC by December 1st of their first semester in the College of Nursing will be dismissed. 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.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Women's Health