The Master of Science in Nursing Program is designed to provide graduates of baccalaureate programs in nursing the opportunity to develop the advanced knowledge and clinical skills required for leadership positions in nursing. The program prepares clinical nurse specialists in Adult Health and Maternal-Infant Health, Nursing Informatics Specialists, and Family Nurse Practitioners. Students are accepted for admission to the MSN clinical nurse specialist and nursing informatics specialist tracks every semester. Fall admission is recommended for students who wish to pursue full-time study. Students are accepted for admission to the Family Nurse Practitioner track in fall semester only.

Upon successful completion of the MSN program, the student will be able to:
1. incorporate advanced knowledge and theories from nursing and related disciplines into practice as an advanced practice nurse;
2. demonstrate advanced clinical expertise in advanced practice in a specialized area of nursing practice;
3. evaluate research for the purpose of selectively integrating research findings in nursing practice;
4. integrate leadership, management, and teaching strategies into advanced practice;
5. analyze the impact of health policy on healthcare for identification of areas needing improvement and development of appropriate strategies; and
6. assume responsibility for contributing to the advancement of nursing as a profession.

Accreditation

The School of Nursing MSN degree is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006.

Prerequisite Requirements

Candidates for admission must hold the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

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Curriculum

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Students may choose one of two clinical options (Clinical major):
1. Adult Health Nursing
2. Maternal Infant Health Nursing

Students may choose one of two role options (Functional minor):
1. Educator
2. Administrator

A minimum of 39 semester hours is required for completion of the program.

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)
NSG 5504 2 Theories in Nursing
NSG 5505 2 Healthcare Economics
NSG 6660 2 Foundations of Advanced Practice

Research Courses (7 hrs)
NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
NSG 6692 2 Data Analysis Techniques in Research
NSG 6696 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
NSG 6697 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional
NSG 6695 1-4 Thesis

Nursing Specialty Courses (20 hrs)
NSG 5512 3 Advanced Health Assessment
NSG 5515 1 Advanced Health Assessment Practicum
NSG 6649 3 Advanced Pharmacology
NSG 6671 3 Advanced Pathophysiology

(Select One Series)
NSG 6620 2 Advanced Acute Care Nursing of Adults
NSG 6621 3 Advanced Acute Care Nursing Preceptorship
NSG 6622 2 Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults
NSG 6623 3 Advanced Long-Term Nursing Care of Adults Preceptorship

Or
NSG 6640 2 Advanced Maternal/Infant Health Nursing
NSG 6641 3 Advanced Maternal/Infant Health Nursing Preceptorship
NSG 6642 2 High-Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing
NSG 6643 3 High Risk Maternal/Infant Health Nursing Preceptorship

Nursing Role Courses (5 hrs)
(Select One Series)
NSG 6614 2 Role of the Nurse Educator
NSG 6615 3 Nursing Education Internship

Or
NSG 6616 2 Role of the Nurse Administrator
NSG 6617 3 Nursing Administration Internship

Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)
NSG 6655 1 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice

Minimum Total: 39 Semester Hours

Nursing Informatics Specialist Track

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)
NSG 5504 2 Theories in Nursing
NSG 5505 2 Healthcare Economics
NSG 6660 2 Foundations of Advanced Practice

Research Courses (7 hrs)
NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
NSG 6692 2 Data Analysis Techniques in Research
NSG 6696 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
NSG 6697 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional
NSG 6695 1-4 Thesis

Nursing Specialty Courses (11 hrs)
NSG 6631 3 Computer-Based Communication
NSG 6632 2 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
NSG 6633 3 Systems Analysis and Design
NSG 6635 3 Integration of Technology in Information Exchange

Optional
NSG 6695 1-4 Thesis

Nursing Role Courses (6 hrs)
NSG 6634 2 Role of the Nursing Informatics Specialist
NSG 6636 4 Nursing Informatics Internship

Elective (3 hrs)
Any 5000/6000 Approved Elective

Synthesis and Evaluation (1 hr)
NSG 6655 1 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice

Minimum Total: 34 Semester Hours
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Track

Nursing Core Courses (6 hrs)
- NSG 5504 2 Theories in Nursing
- NSG 5505 2 Healthcare Economics
- NSG 6660 2 Foundations of Advanced Practice
- NSG 6659* 1 Adaptation to the FNP Role (required for FNP-PM certificate students only)

Research Courses (7 hrs)
- NSG 6691 3 Research Methodology
- NSG 6692 2 Data Analysis Techniques in Research
- NSG 6696 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum I
- NSG 6697 1 Scholarly Inquiry Practicum II

Optional
- NSG 6695 1-4 Thesis

Nursing Specialty Courses (27 hrs)*
- NSG 5512 3 Advanced Health Assessment
- NSG 5513 3 Advanced Health Assessment Preceptorship
- NSG 6645 3 Family and Cultural Theories in Advanced Nursing Practice
- NSG 6649 3 Advanced Pharmacology
- NSG 6665 3 Primary Care I
- NSG 6666 3 Primary Care I Preceptorship
- NSG 6667 3 Primary Care II
- NSG 6668 3 Primary Care II Preceptorship
- NSG 6671 3 Advanced Pathophysiology

Role Courses (6 hrs)*
- NSG 6670 1 Role Synthesis Seminar
- NSG 6680 5 Family Nurse Practitioner Internship

Synthesis and Evaluation (1hr)
- NSG 6655 1 Synthesis and Evaluation of Advanced Nursing Practice

Minimum Total: 47 Semester Hours

*The FNP Certificate for nurses holding the MSN requires 34 hours and includes all FNP nursing specialty and role courses.

NOTE 1. Requirements for the MSN degree must be satisfied within five years of the initial enrollment for that degree.

NOTE 2. A grade of "D" is not acceptable for meeting requirements for a subsequent course.

Requirements for Students in Clinical Courses

All students must maintain RN licensure, current CPR certification, professional liability insurance, proof of annual physical examination and negative drug screen when enrolled in clinical nursing courses. Professional liability insurance is available through the School of Nursing. Students are responsible for their own medical care if needed in the clinical setting. Students are also responsible for personal transportation costs incurred during the program.

Students must meet Communicable Disease Center (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.

Laboratory Fees for the MSN Program:
- NSG 5515, 6696, 6697 $  37.50
- NSG 5513, 6621, 6623, 6641, 6643, 6666, 6668 $  67.50
- NSG 6615, 6617 $105.00
- NSG 6636, 6680 $180.00

Note: Fees subject to change annually

Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted. Unconditionally admitted graduate students must apply for admission to candidacy after completing nine semester hours of requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. The Admission to Candidacy form must be completed within the first 18 semester hours of the program. If the Admission to Candidacy form is not completed by the conclusion of 18 semester hours, a hold will be placed on the student’s registration until Admission to Candidacy process is completed. A student will be admitted to candidacy the term following completion of 12 semester hours.

Degree Requirements

A student completing the coursework with a 3.0 or better GPA, fulfilling candidacy requirements, and successfully completing the required comprehensive examination will be awarded the degree.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of six semester hours taken at another regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a "B" grade or better can be applied toward the degree. These courses must be comparable to Troy University courses and must be approved by the MSN graduate faculty.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT AND FITNESS MANAGEMENT

The Sport and Fitness Management program is designed to provide the graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to engage in the practice of management in a variety of settings. The goals and objectives of the program are guided by, but are not limited to, the criteria and guidelines set forth in the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program by the North American Society for Sport Management.

Students are provided with classroom, laboratory and clinical