Community Health Nursing, MS

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Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Nursing (Community Health Advanced Practice Nursing)

The MS program in nursing with a concentration in community health nursing provides theoretical and practical foundations for advanced practice in community and public health nursing in public or private sector health care settings. Graduate courses in nursing theory, research, epidemiology and biostatistics provide a foundation for practice in community and public health nursing. By combining public and community health theory with nursing theory and research, the community health nurse considers all influences on the population and community in decision-making and outcome evaluation. The major focus in this specialty area is on utilizing public health sciences and skills in the assessment of communities and populations, policy development, program planning, effective communication and the impact of cultural influences on health. The graduate in community and public health is actively engaged in education (e.g., community, staff, students and colleagues), case management, expert clinical practice, consultation, research and administration.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

45 credit hours including the required applied project course (NUR 593)
The practicum and internship requirements include 540 clock hours. At the completion of the program, students are eligible to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center exam for national certification as an advanced public health nurse.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. current unencumbered license
4. GRE analytical writing section scores
5. three online recommendations
6. self-evaluation submitted by the applicant
7. an interview with the program faculty
8. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

The current unencumbered license must be from the state where internship or practicum will be conducted or must be an unencumbered Arizona license to practice as a registered nurse to enroll in nursing practicum courses.

The three online recommendations should be from individuals knowledgeable about the applicant's academic and nursing leadership potential.
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