Nursing, MS

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Nursing
The master's degree in nursing is designed for nurses who are thinking about the future and ready to take the next step in their career. This Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education-accredited MS in nursing program focuses on three key areas: evidence-based practice, patient safety and health care quality and leadership. This program is ideal for nurses looking to gain advanced education and skills in the translation of concepts, practices and principles of leadership.

The master's in nursing program offers flexible preceptorships and coursework to provide each student with a learning experience that meets their needs and future aspirations. Throughout the program, students learn about leadership, innovative thinking and interprofessional team collaboration. Students have the opportunity to complete a clinical practicum in their area of interest.

The curriculum includes competencies outlined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials and the National League for Nursing. Additionally, it includes transformational leadership content to help students prepare for roles related to system change and enhancement of health workplaces for efficiency and improved patient outcomes.

Los Angeles location: Currently, programs of study are offered in a hybrid learning model. Select courses are offered through in-person instruction in the Herald Examiner building. The majority of courses are offered virtually from Arizona through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning technologies. Students should consult their advisor and schedule of classes for additional information.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, ASU@Los Angeles or online
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Nursing, BSN

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

35 credit hours including the required applied project course (NUR 593)

Required Core (18 credit hours)
- DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3) or NUR 544 Theoretical Foundations for Nursing (3)
- DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
- DNP 604 Advanced Human Pathophysiology Across Lifespan (4)
- DNP 608 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics Across Lifespan (3) or NUR 545 Advanced Pharmacology (3)
- NUR 501 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Health Care (3) or HCI 538 Innovation and the Individual (3)
- NUR 502 Advanced Health Assessment and Health Promotion (2)

Other Requirement (14 credit hours)
- NUR 509 Clinical Prevention and Population Health Practicum (2)
- NUR 520 Patient Safety and Health Care Quality Principles, Assessment and Methods (3)
- NUR 521 Health Care Evidence, Informatics and Analysis (3)
- NUR 523 Interprofessional Collaboration for Designing Systems to Improve Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality (3)
- NUR 529 Role-Focused Practicum: Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
- NUR 593 Applied Project (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson 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 or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.
Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. professional resume
5. written statement
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The accelerated option is open to online BSN students only. It is not an option for downtown BSN students.

All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

An interview with faculty is required.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Career Opportunities
With a master's in nursing, students can prepare to work in an advanced position or a leadership role in the field. During the program, students advance their skills in leadership, research, evidence-based practice, evaluation, critical thinking, health care quality and patient safety. Some possible job titles after earning this degree include:

- charge nurse
- chief nursing officer
- director of nursing
- lead nurse
- nurse manager
- nurse supervisor
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