

Acalog ACMS™ 2014-2015 Graduate Catalog (WORKING DRAFT)

Master of Science in Nursing

Revised Program, effective Winter 2014

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program prepares nurses to meet the needs of the community for health care providers/nurses with advance practice knowledge and skill. Graduates are prepared for clinical practice in adult-gerontology nursing and for the roles as clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, educators, and leaders in health care settings such as hospitals, primary care, community agencies, clinics, and home health agencies. The program meets national credentialing exam application requirements and prepare graduates for future doctoral study.

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Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the MSN program in EMU School of Nursing, students must first meet requirements set by the Graduate School as described in the Eastern Michigan University Graduate Catalog. Applicants are considered for selection into the MSN program upon completion of the following:

1. Possess a B.S.N. degree (Applicants holding an R.N. license with a bachelor's in another discipline may apply for a conditional admission). Students pursuing the Nurse Practitioner Track must possess a B.S.N.
2. Have at least a cumulative 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) college GPA. (Applicants may seek conditional admission with a GPA of 2.75).
3. International students must have a minimum score of 550 (paper) or 79 (Internet) on the TOEFL or 77 on the Michigan English Language Ability Battery (MELAB) or 6.5 on IETLTS, or 53 on Pearson Test of

English. (These scores are the same requirements as the EMU Graduate School.)

4. Have a current unrestricted license to practice as a professional registered nurse in Michigan or eligibility to obtain a Michigan license.
5. Submit two (2) professional references that document competence in nursing practice and potential for success in a graduate program of study. (Complete the reference forms provided).
6. Submit a two to three page essay about professional goals, reasons for obtaining a M.S.N. degree (or certificate) and your future plans.
7. Submit a four to five page current sample of your writing using peer-reviewed literature to support your ideas. Essays will be evaluated based on your ability to express yourself, degree of scholarly content, spelling, grammar, and use of the American Psychological Association style with a minimum of three references.
8. Have successfully completed an approved basic statistics course that includes descriptive and inferential statistics within the last 10 years.
9. Have successfully completed a basic health assessment course.
10. Successful completion of an undergraduate community health nursing course and clinical (or equivalent), from an accredited university. R.N.s with a Bachelor's in a discipline other than nursing have to either complete the Community Health Nursing courses (NURS 450 & 451) or successfully complete the Community Health ATI Examination to demonstrate equivalency.
11. The applicant must have at least one year in Adult-Gerontological Nursing

All documents above should be submitted directly to the Graduate School Office of Admissions, along with any transcript from other universities or colleges previously attended.

Application Process:

Applicants must:

- Complete an application for admission to EMU at www.emich.edu/admissions Admission to the university takes an average of 2-3 weeks.
- Submit official transcripts from each educational institution you have attended so your EMU admission application can be processed.
- Select the program code: NUR/MSN-HH for the M.S.N. program on your application.

Program Requirements:

The program consists of 40 to 49 credit hours, depending on the election of a clinical track and/or concentration:

- Twenty-four credit hours of core graduate nursing courses. These courses consist of eight three-hour courses in advanced pathophysiology, advanced health assessment, advanced pharmacology, nursing theory for practice and research, health care trends and delivery systems, advanced practice role development, and evidence based nursing 1 and 2.
- Sixteen credit hours (minimum of 500 clinical hours) of Clinical Nurse Specialization (CNS) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) in adult-gerontology health. Each clinical course includes a precepted practicum by an advanced practice nurse with a minimum preparation at the Master's level.
- Nine to twelve credit hours related to a concentration from four options (if selected)
- Two to four credit hours related to scholarly inquiry (if selected)

Students may select one of four concentrations.

"Teaching in health care systems" focuses on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for working as

education coordinators and/or faculty at a community college.

“Quality improvement in health care systems” focuses on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by nurses working in quality improvement, risk management, or other quality of care leadership positions.

“Gerontology” concentration focuses on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by nurses working in long-term care and other settings providing care to older adults.

“Individualized study” focuses on a student’s professional goal and negotiated program of study.

Core Courses: 24 Hours

- [NURS 500 - Advanced Pathophysiology](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 502 - Advanced Health Assessment](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 506 - Nursing Theory for Practice and Research](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 510 - Advanced Pharmacology](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 605 - Health Status Trends and Health Care Delivery Systems](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 606 - Advanced Practice Nursing Role Development](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 640 - Evidence Based Nursing Practice I](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 642 - Evidence Based Nursing Practice II](#) 3 hrs

MSN Tracks: 16 Hours

Pick one of the following two tracks

Clinical Nurse Specialist Track: 16 Hours

- [NURS 653 - Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nursing I - CNS](#) 5 hrs
- [NURS 663 - Advanced Adult - Gerontology Nursing II - CNS](#) 5 hrs
- [NURS 668 - Practicum in Advanced Adult - Gerontology for CNS Track](#) 6 hrs

Nurse Practitioner Track: 16 Hours

- [NURS 664 - Advanced Adult - Gerontology Nursing I-NP](#) 5 hrs
- [NURS 666 - Advanced Adult - Gerontology Nursing II -NP](#) 5 hrs
- [NURS 669 - Practicum Advanced Adult-Gerontology Nurisng III - NP](#) 6 hrs

Thesis/Field Study Elective: 2-4 hours

For those considering doctoral programs, you may elect to take either of the following courses:

- [NURS 688 - Field Study](#) 2 hrs
- [NURS 693 - Thesis](#) 4 hrs

Program Total: 40-44 hours

Concentration (Optional)

In addition to fulfilling all requirements of the 40-44 hour program, students may also elect to complete one of the following concentrations.

Option I: Teaching: 9 Hours

- [NURS 620 - Teaching in Health Care Systems: Instructional Strategies and Skills](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 622 - Teaching in Health Care Systems: Curriculum/Program Development and Evaluation](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 624 - Practicum in Teaching in Health Care Systems](#) 3 hrs

Option II: Quality Improvement: 12 Hours

- [HLAD 525 - Quality Improvement in Health Care](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 605 - Health Status Trends and Health Care Delivery Systems](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 686 - Practicum in QI in Health Care Systems](#) 3 hrs

One course from the following:

- [MGMT 638 - Building Continuous Improvement Teams](#) 3 hrs
- [QUAL 552 - Quality Planning](#) 3 hrs
- [QUAL 557 - Measuring Customer Satisfaction](#) 3 hrs

Option III: Gerontology: 13-14 Hours

- [BIO 570 - Biological Aspects of Aging](#) 2 hrs
- [AGIN 512 - Applied Psychosocial Aspects of Aging](#) 3 hrs
- [NURS 668 - Practicum in Advanced Adult - Gerontology for CNS Track](#) 6 hrs

- [SWRK 553 - Ethnicity and Gender Issues Among the Aged](#) 2 hrs
- or
- [SWRK 620 - Policy Issues and Older People](#) 3 hrs

Option IV: Individualized Study

Courses to be determined by student and advisor to meet individual needs.

Program Total: 49-58 Hours

Notes:

Prior to starting clinical courses, students must provide the School of Nursing with the following information:

- A report of a current physical examination
- Completion of immunization record

- Proof of tetanus vaccination within the past 5 years
 - Proof of having at least the first of three Hepatitis-B injections or a positive titer result or submission of a signed declination form
 - Annual documentation that student is free from tuberculosis
 - A drug screen may be required by some affiliated clinical agencies
 - Must have current Adult, Child, Infant, Two Person CPR certification for the professional rescuer
 - Proof of Personal Health Insurance
 - Successfully passing a Criminal Background Check
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