

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) – 37 CREDITS

2021-2022

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College of Health Professions

Student Name	Student ID

CREDIT VARIANCE

Credits required may vary based on course placement, prerequisites, etc. If you have questions, contact your advisor.

ALL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 37 CREDITS REQUIRED

(Course prerequisites are shown in parentheses)

NURSING CORE – 18 CREDITS REQUIRED

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	501	Introduction to Advanced Nursing Roles (Graduate Status)	3	
NURS	511	Organizational and Systems Leadership (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	521	Health Care Systems, Policy and Advocacy (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	531	Critique of Evidence for Practice (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	541	Quality Improvement and Safety (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	551	Clinical Prevention and Population Health (NURS 501)	3	

INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE – 10 CREDITS REQUIRED

Prior to enrolling in NURS 711 and 712, students must have taken all courses within the [Nursing Core](#) section, as well as taken all of the courses within their chosen concentration; see the [Concentration](#) section.

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	711	Clinical Practicum Preparation 1 (Department Approval)	2	
NURS	712	Clinical Practicum Preparation 2 (Department Approval)	2	
NURS	791	Clinical Practicum 1 (NURS 711)	3	
NURS	792	Clinical Practicum 2 (NURS 712)	3	

CONCENTRATION – 9 CREDITS REQUIRED (ADVISOR APPROVAL)

Choose one concentration.

NURSING EDUCATION CONCENTRATION (NEDU) – 9 CREDITS REQUIRED

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	601	Curriculum Design in Nursing Education (None)	3	
NURS	611	Teaching Methods in Nursing Education (None)	3	
NURS	621	Advanced Physical Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacotherapeutics (None)	3	

NURSING ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION (NADM) – 9 CREDITS REQUIRED

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	631	Leadership Role for Nurse Administrators (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	651	Leadership in Resource Management (NURS 501 and 631 both with B- or higher)	3	
NURS	825	Healthcare Program Development (DNP or MSN Major or Department Approval)	3	

NURSING INFORMATICS CONCENTRATION (NINF) – 9 CREDITS REQUIRED

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	641	Leadership Role for Informatics Nurse Specialist (NURS 501)	3	
NURS	671	Data Management and Analytics (NURS 501 and 641 both with B- or higher)	3	
NURS	820	Informatics for Leadership (DNP or MSN Major or Department Approval)	3	

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ELECTIVES

Two electives are available as elective courses, but not required for completion of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. NURS 502 is a writing course for students who may want to improve skills in this area and prepare for publication in the future. NURS 602 is a statistics course intended to prepare students who may be planning to continue on for a doctoral degree, as a statistics course is often a requirement to enter these programs.

Prefix	Code	Course Title and Prerequisites	Credits	Grade
NURS	502	Scholarly Writing in Healthcare (ENGL 150, 250, and 321)	3	
NURS	602	Statistics for Nursing Science (COHP 350)	3	

NOTES

- Students who return to the university after an interrupted enrollment, not including summer semester, must normally meet the requirements of the curriculum which are in effect at the time of their return, not the requirements which were in effect when they were originally admitted.
- Students must pass the professional portfolio portion of NURS 792 in order to pass the course.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NEW STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree; Overall GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
- Licensure as a Registered Nurse; Michigan Licensure or Eligibility
- Clinical Nursing Experience; Recommended 2 Years' Experience
- Writing Sample; 1 to 2 Page Letter of Intent
- 2 Professional Letters of Reference
- Professional Resume; Including Achievements to Date
- Official Transcripts of Undergraduate and Graduate Coursework
- Completed Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Application Form
- International Students: Minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Score of 550
- Conditional Admission may be granted in cases where selected admission criteria have not been demonstrated. The Graduate Program Coordinator will make recommendations of this to the Director of the School of Nursing, whose approval is required. If conditional admission is granted, the student must complete 9 semester hours of graduate work with a 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) or clear any deficiencies to qualify for regular admission.

TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree; Overall GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
- Licensure as a Registered Nurse; Michigan Licensure or Eligibility
- Clinical Nursing Experience; Recommended 2 Years' Experience
- Writing Sample; 1 to 2 Page Letter of Intent
- 2 Professional Letters of Reference
- Professional Resume; Including Achievements to Date
- Official Transcripts of Undergraduate and Graduate Coursework
- Completed Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Application Form
- International Students: Minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Score of 550
- Conditional Admission may be granted in cases where selected admission criteria have not been demonstrated. The Graduate Program Coordinator will make recommendations of this to the Director of the School of Nursing, whose approval is required. If conditional admission is granted, the student must complete 9 semester hours of graduate work with a 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) or clear any deficiencies to qualify for regular admission.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Collaborative Leadership - Function as a member or leader of collaborative interprofessional care teams.
2. Theoretical Base for Practice - Exhibit advanced theoretical and scientific knowledge as a basis for specialty practice.
3. Specialty Leadership Role Practice - Demonstrate the ability to navigate and integrate care services across the health care system.
4. Scholarship for Practice - Translate evidence into the practice of nursing.
5. Health Care Environment - Facilitate change to improve quality outcomes.
6. Professionalism - Advance the culture of excellence through lifelong learning and the design of innovative nursing practices.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Ferris State University, students must meet both University and Programmatic Graduation Requirements.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

These are the minimum graduation requirements for a graduate degree at Ferris State University:

- A minimum of 30 credits must be earned.
- A 3.00 or higher cumulative Ferris State University GPA in graduate courses is required.
- A minimum grade of C or higher must be earned in each course with no more than two grades of C.
- A minimum of 70 percent of the degree requirements must be earned from Ferris State University to meet the Residency requirement.
- No more than 20 percent of required hours can be thesis credits.
- No more than 6 hours can be independent study and/or special topics.
- Degree requirements shall be completed within 5 years from first enrollment in a graduate course following admission.
- Each student must complete a thesis, graduate project, policy paper, internship, comprehensive examination, or additional course work.

PROGRAMMATIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

These are the additional graduation requirements mandated by the program:

- All requirements as specified in the [All Major Requirements](#) section must be met.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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