Mennonite College of Nursing – Curriculum

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Programs Offered
M.S. in Nursing with sequences in Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Systems Administration; Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Ph.D. in Nursing, Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate, and School Nurse Graduate Certificate.

Accreditation
The Master of Science in Nursing program and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 887-6791.
Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing is distributed among core, support, and nursing specialty courses. 36-44 semester hour program (depending on sequence chosen).

All students must successfully complete a synthesis project within identified Capstone courses in each sequence. NUR 477 is the capstone course identified for the Family Nurse Practitioner sequence, NUR 483 is the Capstone course identified for the Nursing Systems Administration sequence. Those students interested in research and doctoral study may choose to complete a thesis that would result in additional degree hours.

The master’s program is developed based on nationally recognized standards for graduate education in nursing. All courses applied toward the degree must be completed at the 400 level or above.

In order to maintain clinical proficiency, students who have completed the final practicum course for their enrolled sequence but who do not meet the requirements for graduation must enroll in ongoing practicum independent study (NUR 400) until graduation. A contract outlining the specific requirements for the Independent Study will be developed between the Graduate Program Coordinator and the student.

Mennonite College of Nursing requires that any student receiving a grade of C or below in graduate coursework must repeat the course. Multiple enrollments allowed for a maximum of 3 semester hours.

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Sequence

This 44 hour blended curriculum sequence requires:
- 12 hour core: NUR 401, 403, 405, and 407
- 9 hours of support courses: NUR 431, 433, and 437
- 23 hours of specialty courses: NUR 471, 473, 475, and 477; the 5 family nurse practitioner courses (NUR 431, 471, 473, 475, and 477) must be taken in sequential order and in consecutive academic terms

Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the certification exam for Family Nurse Practitioners offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Nursing Systems Administration (NSA) Sequence

This 36 hour fully online sequence requires:
- NUR 401, 405, 407, 425, 451, 453, 483, 509, 511, 562 and 565

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

The doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program consists of 34 semester hours beyond the master’s degree. The DNP program is based on national expectations and competencies for graduates of DNP programs as stated by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. All courses applied to the degree must be completed at the graduate level. Mennonite College of Nursing requires that any student receiving a grade of C or below in graduate coursework must repeat the course. Multiple enrollments allowed for a maximum of 3 semester hours.

The program is designed so that a student with a master’s of science in nursing degree will be able to complete the DNP degree in seven (7) semesters of study. Prerequisites to the post-master’s DNP curriculum include a graduate level epidemiology course, a master’s level statistics course, and 640 post-BSN clinical hours. Students who do not meet the prerequisite post-BSN clinical hours will be required to register for NUR 560 Advanced Nursing Practice Experience.

All applicants will be evaluated individually based on prior educational work as well as current experience and their programs of study will be designed to include additional coursework, if necessary, to position them to achieve the educational objectives of the curriculum.

DNP Program Requirements

This 34 hour fully online program requires:
- 18 hour core: NUR 451, 509, 511, 562, 564, 565
- 3 hours applied data analysis and management: NUR 535
- 6 hour clinical residency: an in-depth clinical experience emphasizing DNP role development and expansion of clinical expertise: NUR 550, 552, 554
- 7 hour scholarly project: NUR 543, 545, 547
- a minimum of 1,000 clinical hours post-baccalaureate degree
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)
The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing program is a blended curriculum consisting of 66 semester hours beyond the master’s degree. The doctor of philosophy degree prepares nurse researchers to serve the public health by designing and conducting research on relevant clinical, educational, health systems and/or health policy topics.

Program Requirements
This 66 hour blended curriculum degree requires:
- 27 hour core: NUR 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 511, 513, 515, 530
- 6 hours research practica: NUR 523, 526
- 9 hours statistics and measurement: NUR 540, 541, 544
- 9 hours: elective courses
- 15 dissertation hours: All students must successfully complete a dissertation comprised of original research.

The Illinois State University residency requirement will be followed and may be fulfilled in the following ways:
- Students must complete at least two full-time terms.
- The options for completing this residency include: two consecutive semesters with at least nine hours of coursework or one semester with at least nine hours of coursework and a consecutive summer term over a time period of at least eight weeks with six hours of coursework, or two consecutive summer terms with six hours of coursework each semester.

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Non-Degree Graduate-Level Certificates

Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate
Coursework for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) post-master’s certificate is determined for each student following an assessment of the applicant’s graduate nursing education transcript. Candidates for the post-master’s FNP certificate are required to complete a minimum of 26 credits in Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, including NUR 431 and 23 hours of specialty courses in the FNP sequence.

School Nurse Graduate Certificate
The School Nurse Graduate Certificate program is a fully online 10 credit hour certificate that meets the Illinois State Board of Education certified Professional Educator License (PEL) and certified school nurses requirements. The certificate will be a full-cost recovery, post baccalaureate program open to school nurses with an unencumbered Illinois Registered Nurse license and 2 years of relevant nursing experience. Theory courses will be offered in the summer followed by a 3 credit hour clinical practicum during the fall semester. 10 total hours are required to complete this graduate certificate.

3.00 GPA or above is required to graduate with this graduate certificate
Required courses (10 hours): NUR 416, 417, 418

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All Courses:
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