

School of Nursing: Master's Degree Nurse Educator, Nurse Leader College of Health and Human Services Salisbury University Graduate School



About the Master's Degree Programs

The School of Nursing at Salisbury University provides a rigorous, science-based program to prepare graduates with advanced skills who wish to become nurse educators or move into leadership/management positions.

How Is the Program Delivered?

Taught by distinguished full-time faculty who practice what they teach, classes are offered in a distance-delivery format using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous strategies. Close student-faculty working relationships are fostered through a highly interactive learning environment. Faculty advisors assist each student with designing a personalized progression plan, incorporating learning experiences that are consistent with individual interests and learning goals.

How Long To Complete the M.S.N.?

Full-time students can earn their degree in approximately two to three years, and part-time study options are available as well. Graduates of SU's M.S.N. program are in demand and valued for their expertise and professional contributions. They also are well-prepared for doctoral study.

Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), SU is proud to have prepared many of the nursing educators and leaders of the mid-Atlantic region.

What Specialty Tracks Are Available?

M.S.N. Nurse Educator

Designed for those interested in teaching in an academic setting or health care organization, this 39-credit option includes coursework in advanced physiology/pathophysiology, pharmacotherapeutics, advanced health assessment, quantitative research, qualitative research, applied research, and epidemiology. Specialized courses in educational theory, curriculum development/program evaluation, and instructional technology/teaching strategies are also included. Two practicum experiences, one focused on advanced nursing practice (200 hours) and one focused on nursing education (200 hours) provide opportunities for students to apply theoretical concepts. A final scholarly project is also required.

Graduates are eligible to take the National League for Nursing (NLN) Certified Nurse Education examination.



M.S.N. Health Care Leadership

This 36-credit course of study prepares students for positions in leadership and management within health care organizations. Core courses include epidemiology, qualitative and quantitative research, and applied statistics. Specialized courses include health care systems, informatics, health care management and health care leadership. Students also select one graduate-level elective. Two practicum experiences, one focused on health care leadership (126 hours) and one focused on health care management (126 hours), provide opportunities for students to apply theoretical concepts. A final scholarly project is also required.

Graduates may be eligible to take the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) Certified in Executive Nursing Practice examination.

Is There an RN-to-M.S.N. Option?

Yes, there is an option for academically talented RN students who do not have a bachelor's degree in nursing and wish to pursue a master's degree in nursing.

Application Information

Students interested in master's study are encouraged to contact the Graduate Nursing Program Office at 410-543-6420.



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PROGRAM OF STUDY

All M.S.N. nursing students must complete the following core courses:

- **NURS 515:** Epidemiology
- **NURS 542:** Qualitative Research in Health Care
- **NURS 544:** Quantitative Research in Health Care
- **MATH 502:** Applied Statistics
- **NURS 590:** Thesis or
- **NURS 592:** Internship or
- **NURS 593:** Capstone I: Proposal and
- **NURS 594:** Capstone II: Implementation 1 and
- **NURS 595:** Capstone III: Dissemination

Students also must complete the required courses in one of the following master's nursing concentration.

Health Care Leadership

- **NURS 525:** Health Care Systems
- **NURS 526:** Health Care Informatics
- **NURS 561:** Health Care Management Seminar
- **NURS 562:** Health Care Management Practicum
- **NURS 571:** Health Care Leadership Seminar
- **NURS 572:** Health Care Leadership Practicum
- **XXXX XXX:** Graduate-level Elective

Nurse Educator

- **NURS 510:** Advanced Health Assessment: Advanced
- **NURS 522:** Pharmacotherapeutics
- **NURS/BIOL 552:** Advanced Human Physiology/ Pathophysiology
- **NURS 570:** Theory and Role Development
- **NURS 575:** Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation
- **NURS 576:** Instructional Strategies and Technologies
- **NURS 577:** Advanced Nursing Practicum
- **NURS 578:** Nurse Educator Practicum

RN to Master's

(No Previous Bachelor's Degree)

Students may receive up to 60 academic transfer credits from their associate degree program. After completing all non-nursing requirements for RN to M.S.N. students and 12 of the 18 nursing credits required, students having a GPA of 2.75 or greater may apply to the graduate nursing program. If accepted, and after completion of the remaining six required nursing credits, students will take the 12 credits of graduate core courses (rather than 12 credits of SU nursing and non-nursing electives) and then continue with the courses in the specialty concentration they have selected. Upon completion of their graduate program, students are awarded 30 additional credits based on their active unencumbered Maryland or compact license and will receive a Master of Science in Nursing.



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