Session Objectives

• Become familiar with the MN application process
• Understand admission requirements (prerequisites)
• Know what to expect if admitted
• Learn about costs and funding your education
School of Nursing

- Established in 1909, the School of Nursing is distinct in being the first continuing nursing program on a university campus.

- Located in Weaver-Densford Hall

- Degree Programs
  - Pre-licensure Degrees: BSN, MN
  - Advanced Degrees: DNP, PhD

- Certificates
Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center
Program Overview

• **Master of Nursing Program: What is it?**
  – Designed for people who have a non-nursing undergraduate degree
  – Eligibility for licensure as an RN after 16 months – no specialty
  – Comparable to what some schools call an accelerated BSN
  – Particularly well-suited for those who wish to pursue a PhD or DNP in nursing (advanced practice specialty)
  – Master of Nursing (MN) not the same as a MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)
Program Overview

• 54 total credits
• Graduate-level coursework only
• Full-time schedule
  – Traditional day program – class from about 8am-5pm M-F
  – Clinical schedule varies
  – Recommend not working
• 16 months – 4 consecutive semesters
  – Begins in fall semester only
  – Includes summer session
  – Graduate at the end of the following fall semester
• Will articulate with the DNP curriculum
  – Approximately 5-6 courses from the MN program will directly transfer into the DNP program
# Pre-Licensure Programs

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Applying to the Program

• Requirements for Application
  – Baccalaureate degree from accredited institution in non-nursing area of study.
  – Minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.0
  – Official GRE scores
  – Successful completion of prerequisites
  – Interview (by invitation only)
  – English proficiency scores (if applicable)

• Competitive Entry
  – 64 spots in the program
  – Successful applicants typically have a ~3.5 GPA from degree-granting school
  – Admission based on a holistic review, not just grades; however, grades are still important!
New Application for 2016

NursingCAS
The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs

Research and apply to nursing programs at participating schools
Nursing’s Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS) is a service of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. NursingCAS allows applicants to use a single online application and one set of materials to apply to multiple nursing programs at participating schools.

Click here to start your application

How to be a Re-Applicant
A guide to learning what it means to be a Re-Applicant

One, Online Application
NursingCAS partners with participating schools to provide an online application to students who wish to apply to that school’s programs.

How it Works
1. Create your NursingCAS account
2. Request your official transcripts to be sent to NursingCAS

Updates
The 2012–2013 application is officially closed and no longer available. All applications should be submitted through the 2013–2014 application.
Applying to the Program

• **Fall 2016 Deadline:** January 15, 2016

  – NursingCAS Application *(online)*
  – GRE General Test scores
    • School of Nursing code: 5942
  – Minimum five prerequisite courses complete
  – Application fee
  – One Essay
  – Résumé *(no cover letter necessary)*
  – Two letters of reference *(with forms)*
  – Official transcripts from **all** institutions attended
  – English proficiency scores *(if applicable)*
Prerequisite Courses

9 Prerequisites
- General Chemistry
- Human Anatomy
- Human Physiology (10-yr age limit)
- Microbiology (10-yr age limit)
- Pathology (10-yr age limit)
- Human Nutrition
- Lifespan Growth & Development
- Abnormal Psychology
- Inferential Statistics

- 5 courses must be complete (with final grade) by application deadline
- Remaining courses must be complete prior to entry (August)
- Non-science background? We recommend having at least 3 sciences courses as part of the 5 needed to apply
Prerequisite Courses

- Course content must match the requirement
  - minimum of three credits (Nutrition is the exception – 2 cr)
  - taken for a letter grade
- Adhere to time limitations for Physiology, Microbiology, and Pathology
- Take at an appropriately accredited college/university
  - If taking at the U of MN, go through the College of Continuing Education as a non-degree student (www.cce.umn.edu)
  - Web-based/distance courses are acceptable
  - Community colleges are acceptable; however, it is recommended that you try to take some of the science prereqs at a 4-year school
- Use petitions & coursework evaluation requests sparingly!
  - 2-4 weeks to process and return decision
  - Forms are on School of Nursing website
Application Components

In no particular order -- we implement a holistic review process:

- **Academic Record**
  - undergraduate GPA; prerequisite GPA

- **Quality of Essay**
  - depth of content, form, expression, writing ability, ability to clearly answer essay question

- **Resume/Background**
  - employment, volunteer, leadership & diversity experience, specialty training

- **Quality References**
  - professors; supervisors; volunteer coordinators

- **Good Interpersonal Skills**

- **Preparation**
  - amount of thought that has gone into decision to apply; reasoning behind choice and timing; financial, emotional, logistic preparation

- **Insight Regarding Career Choice**
  - perception of nursing profession, knowledge of current state of health care, exposure to field of nursing

- **Overall Potential**
  - good match for program, previous experience, maturity, academics, diversity, etc.
Admitted Students

- Intent to Enroll form and $500 tuition deposit (non-refundable)
- Completion of all remaining prerequisite courses by the end of summer session 2015
- CPR Certification at the Health Care Provider level
- Criminal Background Study (*state law*)
- Physical examination certification
- Documentation of immunizations (*AHC/clinical site requirement*)
- U of MN HIPAA training
- Note: deferment requests rarely granted
Nursing Student Groups

• Nursing College Board
  – Represents School of Nursing student body

• Men Enjoying Nursing (M.E.N.)
  – Discussion group for male nursing students

• School of Nursing Global Health/Transcultural Group
  – Discussion group meant to empower nurses to create change in the fields of global/transcultural health

• National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)
  – Professional development - allows nursing students to connect at a state and national level
Profile

- 2015 total applications: 251
- 2015 number interviewed: 105
- 2015 number accepted into program: 64

- 2014 enrolled students:
  - Average cumulative GPA: 3.53
  - Average prerequisite GPA: 3.67
  - 87% women, 13% men
  - 27% persons of color
  - Average GRE score of enrolled:
    - Verbal: 157
    - Quantitative: 151
    - Analytical Writing: 4
Cost and Financing

• Tuition is based on a per-credit rate
  • 2015-16 rate is $667.79/credit for residents, $674.30 for non-residents.
  • University fees are approximately $1400/semester
  • Books are approximately $1500 for all 4 semesters
  • $90 stethoscope, required scrubs @ $30/set

• AHC student health insurance is required
  • U of MN AHC student health insurance is approximately $1049 per semester
  • Already have health insurance? The plan can be waived if you have active health plan coverage.
Cost and Financing

- **School of Nursing scholarships**
  - One application; amount available for distribution to award varies each year
  - For incoming and current students only
  - Completed FAFSA required for nearly all scholarships

- **Other scholarship resources**
  - Fastweb.com
  - Google.com
  - Annual Registry of Grant Support
  - External Funding link on MN site

- **Federal financial aid for non-degree students**
  - Financial aid (loans) available for designated prerequisite coursework
  - OneStop.umn.edu > Forms Online > Prerequisite Coursework Certification
Contacts

• **Office of Student Finance**
  • (612) 624-1665 or toll free (800) 400-8636
  • OneStop.umn.edu > Finances
  • helpingu@umn.edu

• **School of Nursing**
  • (612) 625-7980
  • prospectiveMN@umn.edu

• **College of Continuing Education**
  • (612) 624-4000
  • www.cce.umn.edu
Questions?