Master of Nursing
Planning Guide

THE PROGRAM

Congratulations on your decision to explore & pursue a career in nursing!
The University of Minnesota’s School of Nursing offers a graduate-level pre-licensure program for people who have a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field and wish to become nurses. After 16 continuous months of intensive study, graduates receive a master of nursing degree (MN) and are eligible to take the National Certification Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become registered nurses.

The Master of Nursing is a full-time graduate program located on the Twin Cities campus, and it provides an excellent foundation for either the PhD in Nursing or the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the School of Nursing.

Courses are taken during the day, with additional required activities & clinical experiences that occur in the early morning, late evenings, overnight, and/or on weekends.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• All nine prerequisite courses completed (five complete by the application deadline)
• A minimum degree GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) from the most recently obtained bachelor’s, master’s, or terminal degree at the time of application
• In-progress or completed bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in a non-nursing field (degree must be complete by June 1 prior to the fall of enrollment)
• Graduate Record Exam (GRE), if applicable
• English proficiency exam, if applicable (minimum TOEFL score of 95)

PREREQUISITES

There are nine prerequisites required for the MN program.

☑ General Chemistry*
☑ Human Anatomy*
☑ Human Physiology**†
☑ Microbiology**†
☑ Pathology**†
☑ Human Nutrition
☑ Lifespan Growth & Development
☑ Abnormal Psychology
☑ Inferential Statistics

† these courses cannot be older than 10 years at the time of entry.

Five prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline. Of these, it is recommended that at least three of the five pre-application courses be in the sciences (the starred courses above).

All nine prerequisite courses:
• Must be completed prior to the start of the program
• Must be taken for a letter grade (A-F) and earn a C or better
• Are preferred to be upper-level or graduate courses, but not required
• Must transfer to the University of Minnesota by meeting minimum credit & timeline requirements and having the same or a similar course title

You can visit www.transferology.com to verify if a course transfers.

Please note that our prerequisites satisfy requirements for nursing licensure in the state of Minnesota. Other states may require lab components with anatomy, physiology, or microbiology courses in order to be licensed in that state. Please check the board of nursing requirements in the state in which you plan to apply for licensure.
APPLICATION

Applicants must apply through NursingCAS, a single, online application used for many nursing programs. The application will be available in September, one year prior to anticipated enrollment.

The following information & materials are required for submission through NursingCAS:

• Personal/demographic information
• One essay response
• Any & all official college transcripts
• Official GRE scores, sent directly to the School of Nursing (code: 5942)
  Applicants are exempt if they have a completed graduate degree by the admission deadline.
• Reference letters
• Current resume
• Application fee
• Official English proficiency score (if applicable), sent directly to the School of Nursing (code: 5942)

ALL submitted information must be verified by NursingCAS. This process can take up to two weeks. NursingCAS will contact the applicant directly if there are questions or missing information. Failure to respond and remedy the issue may result in an incomplete application, thus denying admission.

Submit all application materials by Nov. 1. It is STRONGLY recommended to submit a completed application by mid-October to allow for NursingCAS verification and processing.

Interviews, which are required for admission, take place in February. Admission decisions will be sent approximately two weeks after interviews conclude. If admitted, you have until April 15 to confirm enrollment by paying the $500 tuition deposit. This deposit will be applied towards your first semester’s tuition.

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition rates are set in July for the next academic year. Rates listed below are based off of the 2016-2017 academic year.

Resident tuition: $35,577.36 (52 credits, $684.18/credit)
Non-resident tuition: $35,940 (52 credits, $691.16/credit)
University Fees: $6000 (approximately $1500/semester)
Books: $1500 (approximately $375/semester)
Health Insurance: $3996 ($999/semester)

You may be eligible to waive enrollment on this plan if you have electronically verifiable health plan coverage.

Stethoscope: $90 (Littmann Classic II SE Stethoscope is recommended)
Scrubs: $30/set
Lab coat (optional): $25

HELPFUL LINKS

School of Nursing website: www.nursing.umn.edu
Master of Nursing homepage: www.nursing.umn.edu/mn/index.htm
College of Continuing Education: www.cce.umn.edu, (612) 624-4000
How to Take Credit Courses: cce.umn.edu/taking-credit-courses
Curriculum Outline: nursing.umn.edu/current-students/current-mn-students/program-information/index.htm
One Stop Student Services: www.onestop.umn.edu
Office of Student Health Benefits: www.bhs.umn.edu

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