

Comparison of MSN Specializations

College of Nursing MISSION STATEMENT

The Grantham University College of Nursing prepares students to expand their knowledge and skills as Registered Nurses (RN) in areas of leadership, community concepts, research and evidence-based professional nursing practice related to current trends and issues in today's global society.

MSN PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Master of Science in Nursing Program prepares the registered professional nurse with additional knowledge and expertise that builds on the foundation of baccalaureate education and practice. The Master of Science Program is evidence-based and developed according to best practices from the following professional standards: Quality and Safety in Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies; American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Graduate Nursing Education. The didactic portion of the program contains both core courses that are taken by all students in the program and track-specific courses that reflect the area of specialization. Practice experiences in the curriculum utilize both direct human interface and indirect learning situations which allow the student to apply concepts in the course to clinical scenarios in a simulated environment. All students are required to complete a capstone project that reflects the specialization track.

MSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Combine theory and research-based knowledge from nursing and the sciences as they relate to the interdisciplinary team when designing, coordinating and evaluating quality patient care.
- Integrate nursing and related sciences into the delivery of advanced nursing care to diverse populations.
- Demonstrate high-level communication skills when involved with patients and professionals both within and outside the healthcare field.
- Incorporate concepts of advanced practice nursing when making nursing diagnoses and critical thinking decisions about educational and therapeutic interventions.
- Demonstrate commitment to the improvement of the nursing profession through lifelong learning.
- Design nursing care for a clinical or community based population based on cultural diversity, biophysical, psychosocial and organizational needs.

Nursing Education Specialty Track	Nursing Management and Organizational Leadership Specialty Track	Nursing Informatics Specialty Track	Nursing Case Management Specialty Track
<p>This specialization prepares the professional registered nurse to understand emerging trends and roles in nursing education in both academic and healthcare environments. Tenure, promotion, governance, academic freedom and ethical concerns will be investigated. All MSN students will be required to complete a major project paper at the conclusion of their final specialization courses.</p>	<p>This specialization prepares the professional registered nurse to demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired through a variety of experiences as a nurse leader/administrator in a healthcare environment. This specialization emphasizes emerging trends in healthcare and the world health systems, government and political influence on the provision of healthcare and developmental and accrediting trends within healthcare institutions. All MSN students will be required to complete a major project paper at the conclusion of their final specialization courses.</p>	<p>This specialization prepares the professional registered nurse to utilize technology and electronic database systems in the management of data. This specialization focuses on information systems, the management, analysis, and utilization of data to improve patient outcomes, the maintenance of security of data and compliance with all regulatory entities. All MSN students will be required to complete a major project paper at the conclusion of their final specialization courses.</p>	<p>This specialization prepares the professional registered nurse to deliver personalized services to patients. Students learn how to improve patient care outcomes through patient referrals, and evaluation of the healthcare system and its ability to meet patient needs. Students gain knowledge and clinical expertise in case management and working in health maintenance organizations. All MSN students will be required to complete a major project paper at the conclusion of their final specialization courses.</p>

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MSN Nursing Education Career Options	MSN Leadership Career Options	MSN Nursing Informatics Career Options	MSN Nursing Case Management Career Options
<p>MSN Careers: Nurse Faculty Nurse Educator Clinical Instructor Patient Educator Staff Development Educator Continuing Education Provider Public Health Education</p> <p>Settings: Nursing Schools of Multiple Settings Hospitals Community health agencies Home care agencies Long-term care facilities</p> <p>Associations: National League for Nursing 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor New York, NY 10006 (800) 669-1656 www.nln.org American Association of Colleges of Nursing One Dupont Circle, #530 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 463-6930 www.aacn.nche.edu American Society for Training and Development 1640 King Street, Box 1443 Alexandria, VA 22313 (703) 683-8100 www.astd.org National Nursing Staff Development Organization 7794 Grow Drive Pensacola, FL 32534 (800) 489-1995 www.nnsdo.org</p>	<p>MSN Careers: Nursing Faculty Nurse Manager Clinical Coordinator Nursing Director Nursing Administrator Community Outreach Administrator Risk Manager Nursing Home Administrator</p> <p>Settings: Hospitals Community health agencies Home care agencies Long-term care facilities</p> <p>Associations: National League for Nursing 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor New York, NY 10006 (800) 669-1656 www.nln.org American Organization of Nurse Executives 155 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60606 Phone: 312-422-2800 Fax: 312-422-4503 Email: aone@aha.org</p>	<p>MSN Careers: Nursing Informatics Educator Informatics Specialist Informatics Technology Design and Development Clinical Information Systems Manager Clinical Data Analyst Technology Researcher for Clinical Informatics EHR/EMR Clinical Development and Education Coordinator Informatics Administration</p> <p>Settings: Online using distance learning technology. Colleges and universities Community colleges Hospital-based schools of nursing Technical colleges Hospitals Community health agencies Information Management Healthcare Organizations Government Healthcare Organizations Military Healthcare Organizations Community Healthcare Organizations</p> <p>Associations: National League for Nursing 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor New York, NY 10006 (800) 669-1656 www.nln.org</p>	<p>MSN Careers: Home Healthcare Third Party Payer Organizations Social Services Administration Healthcare Administration Long Term Care In-patient and Outpatient Services Rehabilitation Services CMS Services (Medicare/Medicaid Services)</p> <p>Settings: Government agencies Community health agencies Home care agencies Long-term care facilities</p> <p>Associations: National League for Nursing 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor New York, NY 10006 (800) 669-1656 www.nln.org Case Management Society of America (CMSA) 6301 Ranch Drive Little Rock, AR 72223 Phone: 800-216-2672 www.cmsa@cmsa.org</p>

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<p>8 week terms Asynchronous Online Curriculum Practice Experience (PE)</p> <p>Support: Faculty Student Advisors Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Free Library Resource: MyEBSCOhost Learning Center Resources for Students 24 hour Help Desk for technical support</p>	<p>8 week terms Asynchronous Online Curriculum Practice Experience (PE)</p> <p>Support: Faculty Student Advisors Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Free Library Resource: MyEBSCOhost Learning Center Resources for Students 24 hour Help Desk for technical support</p>	<p>8 week terms Asynchronous Online Curriculum Practice Experience (PE)</p> <p>Support: Faculty Student Advisors Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Free Library Resource: MyEBSCOhost Learning Center Resources for Students 24 hour Help Desk for technical support</p>	<p>8 week terms Asynchronous Online Curriculum Practice Experience (PE)</p> <p>Support: Faculty Student Advisors Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Free Library Resource: MyEBSCOhost Learning Center Resources for Students 24 hour Help Desk for technical support</p>

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS **PROGRAM COMPLETION**

Practice Experience (PE):

- 225 hours
- 6 Courses: 4 Core Courses
 2 Courses specific to specialty track

- Minimum completion time (two courses/term) = 18 months
 - Maximum (one course is considered full-time) = 24 months
- Time to completion may vary by student, depending on individual progress.