

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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### DIRECT ENTRY/MSN

#### Objectives

The Direct Entry/MSN program is designed for college graduates who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and want to pursue nursing as a second career.

- Step 1: Cohorts begin each May. For the first 15 months (full summer, fall, spring and another full summer) you will do classes and clinicals on a full-time basis during the day, in the evening, and on weekends.
- Step 2: If you complete the required prerequisites and 56 nursing credits, you will earn the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in nursing and be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. Currently our students have a 100 percent NCLEX pass rate.
- Step 3: Accumulate six months (one year preferred) of experience as a practicing registered nurse.
- Step 4: After working as a registered nurse, you will focus on completing graduate coursework, part-time or full-time, in either Education, Administration, or Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.

#### Admissions

Visit [salemstate.edu/graduate](http://salemstate.edu/graduate) for admissions requirements, deadlines and a complete list of [prerequisites](#).

#### Course Requirements

##### Prerequisite

- NUR 440A Pathophysiology 4

##### Summer

- NUR 702 Explorations of the Professional Nursing Role 1
- NUR 703 Health Assessment Across the Life Span 5
- NUR 704 Introduction to Nursing Practice and Skills 4
- NUR 710 Biopsychosocial Healthcare Across the Lifespan 3

##### Fall

- NUR 712 Complex Health Care for the Adult & Aging Population 12
- NUR 735 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice 3

<b>Spring</b>			
•	NUR 730	Health Care of the Childbearing/Childrearing Family	6
•	NUR 725	Health Care Systems and Public Health	3
•	NUR 742N	Health Policy & Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
•	NUR 745	Health Care of the Critically Ill	3
<b>Summer</b>			
•	NUR 752N	Nursing Research I	3
•	NUR 802	Nursing Internship	5
•	NUR 830	Seminar in Nursing Practice	1
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>56</b>

**Notes**

The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to make changes in program and course requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester. Therefore, you should meet regularly with your program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.