

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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RN/MSN

Objectives

The RN/MSN program is designed for the registered nurse who does not have a bachelor's degree in nursing or other field of study. Candidates for this program must be graduates of a nationally accredited diploma or associate's degree nursing program. This program is intended to target practicing nurses who seek the MSN to enhance their career goals.

The RN/MSN program is structured to give each student a highly individualized plan of study that is accessible and flexible and allows the MSN to be attained in the most direct way possible. It will allow nurses who seek the MSN to attain the degree in a minimum of 4 1/2 years of part time study, with a total of 140 credits (24 credit hours less than the conventional two degree sequence). It is also possible to design a full-time program of study. Courses are held during the late afternoon-evening hours and/or selected weekends.

Admissions

Visit salemstate.edu/graduate for admissions requirements, deadlines and prerequisites (if any). Questions may be directed to the RN/MSN program coordinator, Dr. Kathleen Skrabut, at kskrabut@salemstate.edu.

Program Requirements

- Students who are admitted directly to the RN/MSN program must commit to the program. Because this is an integrated program, students will not receive a baccalaureate degree. Should a student decide to pursue a baccalaureate degree, he/she should be aware that they will need to redesign their plan of study and take additional courses to obtain the BSN.
- Degree requirements include 140 credits of course work (described below).

Course Requirements

General Education Courses	58 credits
English composition	6
Literature	6
Speech	3
History	6
Statistics	3
Ethics	3
Anatomy and Physiology	8
Chemistry	4
Microbiology	4
Sociology	3
Psychology	3
Childhood and Adolescent Psychology	3

	Adulthood and Old Age Psychology	3
	Anthropology	3
Nursing Bridge Courses		43 credits
•	NUR 360A Explorations of the Professional Nursing Role	3
•	NUR 361A Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
•	NUR 440A Pathophysiology	4
•	NUR 700 Nursing Dimensions in Health Care Across the Life Process	8
	Advanced Placement Credit	25
Graduate Nursing Courses		
Core Courses		15 credits
•	NUR 740A Health Policy and Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
•	NUR 742N Foundations of Nursing Science	3
•	NUR 752N Nursing Research I	3
•	NUR 753N Nursing Research II	3
•	NUR 754N Nursing Research III	3
Clinical Specialization Courses		9 credits
•	NUR 775 Dimensions of Nursing Practice	3
•	NUR 907/NUR 908 Field Experience & Seminar in Advanced Practice Nursing	6
Role Preparation (Administration OR Education)		12 credits
Administration Courses		
•	NUR 851N Dimensions of Nursing Administration	3
•	NUR 900N/901N Field Experience & Seminar in Nursing Administration	6
•	MGT 800 Behavior in Organization	3
OR		
Education Courses		
•	NUR 860 Curriculum Development	3
•	NUR 870N Dimensions of Nursing Education	3
•	NUR 910N/911N Field Experience & Seminar in Nursing Education	6
Elective	Chosen in consultation with the program coordinator	3
Total Credits		140

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.

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