



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## DIRECT ENTRY/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

### PROGRAM 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.

Cohorts begin each May, and students do classes and clinicals for the first 15 months on a full-time basis during the day, in the evening, and on weekends.

**This is not a Nurse Practitioner program.** Students who complete 56 nursing credits (including the 4 credit prerequisite Pathophysiology course) in the accelerated program will earn the **equivalent of a bachelor’s degree** in nursing and will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. After achieving registered nurse licensure, students will complete graduate coursework. The graduate portion of the program is offered on a part-time or full-time basis and can be completed in two years.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor’s degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application and online. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master’s degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)..
- A 500-1,000-word double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:  
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?  
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?  
Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECT ENTRY/MSN PROGRAM:

#### Personal interview

#### Prerequisite courses\*:

- Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Basic Statistics

\*Prerequisite courses cannot be more than seven years old.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** January 15, 2009

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should be in close contact with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

### Prerequisite:

- NUR 440A Pathophysiology 4

### Summer I:

- NUR 702 Explorations of the Professional Nursing Role 3
- NUR 703 Health Assessment Across the Life Span 3
- NUR 704 Introduction to Nursing Practice and Skills 4
- NUR 710 Biopsychosocial Healthcare Across the Lifespan 6

### Fall I:

- NUR 712 Complex Health Care for the Adult & Aging Population 12
- NUR 740A Health Policy & Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing 3

### Spring I:

- NUR 752N Nursing Research I 3
- NUR 730 Health Care of the Childbearing/Childrearing Family 6
- NUR 725 Health Care Systems and Public Health 6

### Summer II:

- NUR 802 Nursing Internship 5
- NUR 830 Seminar in Nursing Practice 1

**Total credits: 56**

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.

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