

NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN (M.S.N.)
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONSORTIUM FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing program (ICMSN) is a cooperative venture among the nursing units at Southeastern Louisiana University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, and the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. The ICMSN is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

The consortium structure allows students to enroll in courses at any one of the participating universities and receive credit toward their master's degree. Students can select the campus they wish to attend based on the major(s) and specialty tracks offered and the campus most convenient to their living and working arrangements. Southeastern Louisiana University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, the University of Louisiana, Lafayette offers concentrations in Family Nurse Practitioner, and Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. The advanced nursing role concentration offered through the consortium is nurse practitioner.

Students successfully completing the MSN curriculum at Southeastern Louisiana University meet educational requirements to take the following national Certification examinations:

Nurse Practitioner Role: Family Nurse Practitioner, or Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

PURPOSE

The purposes of the Master of Science in Nursing Program are to:

1. Provide a base in nursing theory, nursing research, and issues relative to advanced nursing practice.
2. Provide for advanced clinical specialization in Family Health Nursing or Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing.
3. Provide for advanced role preparation as a nurse practitioner.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Regular Admission:

All materials must be submitted, for review, by the deadline posted on the graduate nursing website, www.selu.edu/graduatenuing, for consideration to begin coursework.

1. Submit evidence of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited undergraduate nursing program.
2. Submit all transcripts from undergraduate school and any work attempted at the graduate level. Submit documentation of satisfactory standing in graduate nursing program at last institution attended, (if applicable).
3. Submit a curriculum vita (resume) including the applicant's full name, address, telephone number(s), email address(s), academic preparations, degrees held, honors, awards, special interest, work history, and other relevant information.
4. Provide evidence of at least one year of clinical experience as a registered nurse.
5. Obtain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 on 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work including courses repeated as indicted by a transcript.
6. Complete and submit all application materials to the Graduate Nursing Program for review. All documentation needed to support application to the graduate nursing program must be submitted prior to the deadline for application to the University for the following semester.
7. Submit evidence of a valid, unencumbered Louisiana Registered Nurse license.
8. Completed a course in introductory statistics with a minimum grade of "C" or equivalent.
9. Documentation of Physical Assessment skills is required for the Nurse Practitioner concentration.
10. Submit Letters of Recommendation using the online [Recommendation Form](#).
11. Submit Letter of Intent/purpose with rationale for pursuing study in selected concentration.

During the first semester of enrollment of regular admission the student must:

1. File a degree plan with the departmental Graduate Coordinator in accordance with the General Requirements for the Master's Degree in the Graduate School section of the General Catalogue.
2. Submit a complete history and physical examination.
3. Submit current certification in CPR (every 2 years), submit annual TB results, and

- obtain immunizations determined appropriate by the Graduate Nursing Program.
4. Submit a negative drug screen.
 5. Submit an acceptable background check.

B. Provisional Admission:

An applicant who meets all requirements for admission to the master's degree program except the formula score of 1200 may seek provisional admission status. For acceptance to provisional status the student must have a minimum of at least 1100 on the formula score, with a minimum of 2.7 cumulative GPA on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work attempted. To be removed from provisional status the student must achieve a "B" or better in each graduate-level course in the first nine (9) hours. A grade of C, D, or F grade in any course attempted during the 9 hours in provisional status will result in dismissal from the program and the Graduate School. A request to repeat a course will be taken under advisement and considered on a case by case basis. An applicant not having a minimum of 2.7 cumulative GPA on upper division baccalaureate work may consider additional undergraduate nursing courses as an unclassified student to raise GPA in the last 60 hours.

C. Contingent Admission:

- A graduating senior in an accredited BS nursing program may be admitted in contingent status and may register for graduate credit if he/she meets the criteria of the Graduate School.
- A student may be admitted in contingent status when lacking the final transcript showing completion of a degree or when a satisfactory GRE score is not provided. Failure to qualify for regular admission status before the second semester of course work will prevent the student from registering for the next semester.

D. Non-Degree Classified Admission:

Applicants not meeting the formula score for regular admission due to their GRE score may be allowed to register for graduate nursing courses in the non-degree classified status for one semester. Priority for registering for graduate nursing courses is provided to regular admission status students.