

## Master of Science in Nursing Nursing Education (World Wide Web)

### Concentration Description

The nursing education concentration is an online curriculum that prepares graduates for the role of nurse educator in an academic or clinical setting. Students will be prepared to function in complex educational environments to teach traditional as well as non-traditional learners using a variety of emerging technologies and interdisciplinary skills. The nursing education concentration is 37 semester hours and includes common core courses, nursing clinical core courses, concentration courses and electives. A total of 40 semester hours is required for students with limited or no academic nursing teaching experience.

### Requirements for Admission

Admission to the master of science in nursing program requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A minimum GPA of 2.7 in undergraduate studies and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in nursing major
- An acceptable score (30<sup>th</sup> percentile) on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past five years  
Note: Nursing Education applicants can waive the entrance exam requirement if they have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in their baccalaureate nursing program, have had their BSN degree with experience for 7 years or longer or have a graduate degree
- One year full-time RN experience to enter into the Nursing Education specialty courses
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or an NCSBN-compact state (Individual advisement may be necessary for licensure regulations for online out-of-state students)
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant's interest in graduate study, career goals, and the MSN degree's relationship to those goals
- Three professional references
- A personal interview with a member of the graduate faculty
- A course in statistics with a grade of "C" or higher

### Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: [www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad_handbook.pdf) Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process.

### Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time

#### First-Year Students

##### Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6050	Hum Physio and Pathophys ANP	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>9</b>

##### Spring Semester

NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6610	Health Assessment for Adv Nursing	3
NURS 6611	Clin Pharm for Adv Nursing Practice	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>18</b>

#### Third Year Students

##### Fall Semester

NURS 6905	Nursing Education Role Practicum I	3
NURS 6208	Con of Health Pro and Dis Prev	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

##### Spring Semester

**NURS 6908	Nursing Education Role Practicum II	3
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>10</b>

#### Second-Year Students

##### Fall Semester

NURS 6903	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

##### Spring Semester

NURS 6904	Educational Concepts, Theories, and Strategies in Nursing	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>3</b>

##### Summer Semester

NURS 6909	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>12</b>

\*NURS 6908 will be waived upon request for students with two years full time teaching experience in an academic setting at the ADN or higher level.

**Curriculum Total 40**

## Sample Curriculum Plan – Part-Time

### First-Year Students

#### Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6050	Hum Physio and Pathophys ANP	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

#### Spring Semester

NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6610	Health Assessment for Adv Nursing	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

#### Summer Semester

NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>15</b>

### Third-Year Students

#### Fall Semester

NURS 6905	Nursing Education Role Practicum I	3
NURS 6208	Con of Health Pro and Dis Prev	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

#### Spring Semester

**NURS 6908	Nursing Education Role Practicum II	3
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Curriculum Total</b>		<b>40</b>

### Second-Year Students

#### Fall Semester

NURS 6903	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

#### Spring Semester

NURS 6904	Educational Concepts, Theories, and Strategies in Nursing	3
NURS 6611	Clin Pharm for Adv Nursing Practice	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>6</b>

#### Summer Semester

NURS 6909	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>15</b>

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### Requirements for Graduation

- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of “B.”
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at [www.ecu.edu/gradschool/](http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/) and in the Graduate School Office).
- All graduate students complete a comprehensive assessment at the end of their program in NURS 6993.
- MSN students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.

Graduates meet education requirements to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination.

The master’s program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K St., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202.887.6791.

### The University

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina system (UNC), which consists of the state’s sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 80 departmental certificates, 93 baccalaureate degree programs, 76 master’s degree programs, two specialist degree programs, six first professional programs, and 15 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 160,000 alumni.

**For more information, contact [ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu](mailto:ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu)**

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