

Master of Science in Nursing Nurse-Midwifery (Hybrid Primarily Web)

Concentration Description

The nurse-midwifery concentration prepares professional nurses as practitioners of nurse-midwifery who are eligible for national certification. The 53 semester hour curriculum includes core courses, clinical core courses and concentration courses.

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
 - Nurse-Midwifery applicants may have the entrance exam requirement (GRE or MAT) waived if they (1) have completed a prior graduate degree at an accredited institution, (2) have completed 9 or more semester hours of graduate course work with a grade of B or higher in each course at an accredited institution, or (3) have a minimum GPA of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) in their accredited baccalaureate nursing program. GRE waiver must be requested from the concentration director and may be approved on a case-by-case consideration.
- Currently hold a non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or a NCSBN compact state. **Out-of-state applicants are only accepted from South Carolina.**
- A statement of purpose describing the applicant's interest in graduate study, career goals, and the MSN degree's relationship to those goals
- Three professional references
- Current resume
- A personal interview with a member of the midwifery faculty
- One year RN experience (Labor and Delivery preferred but not required)
- Demonstrate a commitment to practice with under-served populations

Though no applicant who falls below the ECU College of Nursing Graduate concentration minimum admission requirements (GPA of 3.0 and GRE at or above the 30th percentile) is guaranteed admission, ECU Graduate School policy allows requests for admission by exception. The ECU Graduate School makes final decisions on these requests. These criteria will be used to inform decisions at the concentration level regarding requests for admissions by exception.

- Above-minimum GPA (ie, 3.3+) although GRE is below the 30th percentile
- Above-minimum GRE although the GPA is below the admission minimum
- Mitigating circumstances to explain lower GPA with evidence that those circumstances have changed
- Completed graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or completed at least 9 semester hours graduate work without a degree with a GPA at 3.2 or better
- Demonstrates success in current professional role as a nurse in clinical, research, policy, or healthcare improvement positions.
- Strong recommendations from experienced healthcare leader with first-hand knowledge of professional work

Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: <https://nursing.ecu.edu/student-handbook/>. 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

Spring Semester

NURS 6050	Human Physiology and Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6611	Clinical Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Semester Total 9

Summer Semester (11 weeks)

NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6109	Introductory Nurse-Midwifery Professional Roles and Issues (First Session SS)	2
NURS 6610	Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Semester Total 8

Fall Semester

Second-Year Students

Spring Semester

NURS 6083	Healthcare Finance and Economics	3
NURS 6112	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Well Woman Care	3
NURS 6118	Integration of Nurse-Midwifery Professional Roles and Issues	2

Semester Total 8

Summer Semester (11 weeks)

NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6113	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Antepartal Care	4

Semester Total 7

Fall Semester

NURS 6115	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Intrapartal Care	4
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NURS 6110	Reproductive Physiology	3	NURS 6116	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Postpartal Care and Neonatal Care	3
NURS 6119	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Introduction to Primary Care	3			
	Semester Total	6		Semester Total	7

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Spring Semester

NURS 6117	Nurse-Midwifery Management: Integration Practicum	7
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
	Semester Total	8
	Curriculum Total	53

Please check with the concentration director regarding the part-time curriculum plan. The concentration director can be reached by email. Please view the Nurse-Midwifery website listed below for more information as well as specific email addresses.

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/ 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.

The purpose of the concentration is to prepare professional nurses as safe and competent practitioners of Nurse-Midwifery who are eligible for certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) www.amcbmidwife.org. The ECU Nurse-Midwifery Education Program is currently accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1230, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374; Tel: 240-485-1803, acme@acnm.org; www.midwife.org/acme.

The master of science in nursing program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, (CCNE) 655 K Street, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202.887.6791

The University

East Carolina University (ECU), a public, four-year university established in 1907, is located in Greenville, North Carolina. ECU has 11 degree-granting colleges/school/institutes. Serving a largely rural population in the coastal region of the state, ECU is one of 17 constituent institutions within the University of North Carolina (UNC) System. ECU accomplishes its mission - to be a national model for student success, public service and regional transformation - through education, research, creative activities and service. As of Fall 2018, ECU is the fourth largest institution in the UNC System. ECU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. The UNC System is governed by a Board of Governors, which delegates significant responsibility to ECU's Board of Trustees. The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education classifies ECU as a Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity. In 2010 and 2015, ECU received the Community Engagement Classification from the New England Resource Center for Higher Education.

For more information, contact ECUNursingGradPrgms@ecu.edu

Visit the Nurse-Midwifery Website at: <https://nursing.ecu.edu/msn/midwifery/>

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