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
- 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

Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing 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

Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6050	Hum Physio and Pathophys ANP	3
NURS 6903	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**9**

Spring Semester

NURS 6081	Research for Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6610	Health Assessment for Adv Nursing	3
NURS 6904	Edu. Concepts, Theories, Strategies in Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**9**

Summer Semester

NURS 6909	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
	Semester Total	**6**

Second-Year

Fall Semester

NURS 6611	Clin Pharm for Adv Nursing Practice	3
NURS 6208	Con of Health Pro and Dis Prev	3
*NURS 6905	Nursing Education Role Practicum I	3
	Semester Total	**9**

Spring Semester

NURS 6082	Influencing Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Policy	3
NURS 6908	Nursing Education Role Practicum II	3
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
	Semester Total	**7**

*NURS 6905 may be waived upon request for students with two years full time teaching experience in an academic setting at the ADN or higher level.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Part-Time

First-Year

Fall Semester

NURS 6080	Theory for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 6050	Hum Physio and Pathophys ANP	3
	Semester Total	**6**

Spring Semester

NURS 6083	Healthcare, Finance, and Economics	3
NURS 6610	Health Assessment for Adv Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**6**

Summer Semester

NURS 6081	Research for the Practice of Advanced Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**3**

Second-Year

Fall Semester

NURS 6903	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
NURS 6208	Con of Health Pro and Dis Prev	3
		6

Spring Semester

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

Summer Semester

NURS 6909	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
	Semester Total	**3**

Third-Year

Fall Semester

*NURS 6905	Nursing Education Role Practicum I	3
NURS 6083	Infl. Healthcare Qual., Safety, and Policy	3
	Semester Total	**6**

Spring Semester

NURS 6908	Nursing Education Role Practicum II	3
NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
	Semester Total	**4**
	Curriculum Total	**40**

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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 https://gradschool.ecu.edu/ and in the Graduate School Office) or may need to reapply to the program.
- 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 program

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

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..

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