MSN & DNP Information Session

Academic Year 2015-2016

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Presentation Overview

- MSN program
- DNP program
- Admissions information
- Transcript evaluations for those interested in RN to MSN pathway
Three MSN Concentrations

• Nurse Educator
• Nursing Administration
• Nurse Practitioner
  – Adult Gerontology
  – Family
MSN Admission Requirements

- BSN from a program by a regionally recognized accrediting agency or acceptance into the RN to MSN program
- Cumulative GPA of 3.00 for the last 60 credits of undergraduate work
- Current state-based U.S. RN license
- Three letters of recommendation (one from a supervisor within the past year)
- Completion of undergraduate statistics course
- GRE (upon request)
- Transcript evaluations for all international transcripts
- Three-minute video
Special Requirements

- Current CPR certification (Level C)
- Health exam, immunizations, Hep. B, PPD
- Criminal background check
Two Certificates

• Nurse Educator
  – Post-master’s degree
• Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
  – Post-master’s degree
• The Nurse Educator certificate is 15 credits, and the FPMHNP certificate is 21 credits; students may use 6 credits of the certificate courses as electives in all concentrations except Nurse Practitioner
• Fall admission only
Core Courses
(Changed in Fall 2011)

Level I Core Courses:

- NURS 665  Theoretical and Ethical Foundations Related to Nursing
- NURS 715  Nursing Informatics Inquiry
- NURS 757  Nursing Research and Biostatistics I
- NURS 758  Nursing Research and Biostatistics II
- NURS 688  Organization of Nursing and Health Care Delivery Systems

Total Credits: 15

Note: All core classes ONLY offered on-line.
Nurse Educator Concentration

Classes offered in Executive Format

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Level II Core Courses: (11 credits)
• NURS 556 Principles of Assessment and Eval. in Nursing Education
• NURS 714 Health Assessment in Clinical Practice
• NURS 761 Pharmacotherapies
• NURS 769 Physiology & Pathophysiology in Adv. Practice

Major Courses: (12 credits)
• NURS 726 Perspectives in Nursing Education
• NURS 727 Application of Nursing Ed. Principles to Curriculum and Program Development
• NURS 728 Practicum and Seminar in Nursing Ed. I (80 hrs)
• NURS 729 Practicum and Seminar in Nursing Ed. II (80 hrs)

Electives: (3 credits)
• Nursing or related discipline electives
Nursing Administration Concentration

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**Major Courses**: (12 credits)

- NURS 763 Administrative Theory in Nursing
- NURS 765 Practicum in Nursing Admin. I (90 hrs)
- NURS 766 Admin. Strategies in Nursing
- NURS 768 Practicum in Nursing Admin. II (90 hrs)

**Support Courses**: (12 credits)

- NURS 654 Nursing Admin. Financial Management; or
- HAP 703 Financial Management in Health Systems
- HAP 621 Management/Organizational Theory
- Nursing or related discipline electives

*Note: Support Course must be complete prior to starting the major courses*
Nurse Practitioner

Two available pathways:
- Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner

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Level II Core Courses:
- NURS 643 - Community-Oriented Primary Care
- NURS 713 - Decision Making & Pharmacologic Mgmt in Practice
- NURS 714 - Health Assessment in Clinical Practice
- NURS 724 - Health Assessment Practicum (70 hours)
- NURS 761 - Pharmacotherapeutics
- NURS 769 - Physiology & Pathophysiology in Adv. Practice

Total: 14 credits
Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Major Courses:
- NURS 787 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care I
- NURS 786 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Practicum I
- NURS 789 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care II
- NURS 788 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Practicum II
- NURS 791 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care III
- NURS 790 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Practicum III

Total: 20 credits
Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Major Courses:

- NURS 738 - Family Primary Care I
- NURS 742 - Family Primary Care Practicum I
- NURS 739 - Family Primary Care II
- NURS 744 - Family Primary Care Practicum II
- NURS 741 - Family Primary Care III
- NURS 749 - Family Primary Care Practicum III

TOTAL: 20 credits
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

• BSN to DNP (72 credits)
  – Level I Core Courses (12 credits)
  – Level II Core Courses (16 credits)
  – Practice Inquiry Project Courses (8 credits)
  – Advanced Practice Competency Courses (36 credits)

Concentrations:
  • Nursing Administration
  • Adult–Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
  • Family Nurse Practitioner
  • Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

• MSN to DNP (72 credits)
  – Up to 30 credits awarded for past master’s-level courses; minimum of 42 additional credits required
  – Level II Core Essentials Courses (19 credits)
  – Advanced Practice Competency Courses (2-20 credits)
  – Practice Inquiry Project Courses (8 credits)
  – Electives
Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration
Launched Fall 2012

Courses:

• NURS 713 - Decision Making and Pharmacologic Management in Practice
• NURS 714 - Health Assessment in Clinical Practice
• NURS 724 - Health Assessment Practicum
• NURS 761 - Pharmacotherapeutics
• NURS 769 - Physiology and Pathophysiology in Advanced Practice
• NURS 632 - Pathogenesis of Mental Disorders
• NURS 633 - Individual Psychotherapy
• NURS 634 - Group, Family and Couple Psychotherapy
• NURS 743 - Clinical Psychopharmacology
• NURS 782 - Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum I
• NURS 783 - Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Seminar I
• NURS 784 - Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Practicum II
• NURS 785 - Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Seminar II
• NURS 921 - Clinical Practicum I Credits: 1-10 Required 2 credits of NURS 921
• NURS 922 - Clinical Practicum II Credits: 1-10 Required 2 credits of NURS 922

TOTAL: 36 credits
DNP Admission Requirements

• BSN or MSN from a program by a regionally recognized accrediting agency

• BSN option
  – Minimum of 3.0 GPA and strong academic history in science and nursing coursework

• MSN option
  – Minimum of 3.5 GPA in past graduate coursework
DNP Admission Requirements
(continued)

BSN and MSN Option:
• One year of professional RN experience prior to admission
• Current state-based U.S. RN license
• Three letters of recommendation (Preferred: one from a supervisor within the past year)
• Current Resume
• Transcript evaluations for all international transcripts
• Goals statement detailing a vision for yourself as a DNP prepared advanced practice nurse
• GRE (upon request)
• Post-masters option students – Documentation from graduate program validating the number of accumulated precepted practice hours
• On-site interview in Fairfax, Virginia
PhD – Nursing

• PhD Nursing
  – Individualized concentration based on student’s interest and career goals
  – 78 credit hours
    • Scientific Base/Research Core
    • Cognate Courses
    • Dissertation

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PhD Nursing – Research Highlights

• Recent faculty research
  – Translational sleep and aging (*Richards*)
  – Child health promotion: maternal health behaviors on infant health outcomes (*Gaffney*)
  – Women’s clinical, obstetrical, and mental health issues (*Davidson*)
  – Gerontology, and racial and ethnic disparities in cancer screening and factors influencing cancer screening practices (*Oh*)
Important Program Information

• Once admitted into graduate Nursing program, transferring into a different concentration or program is not allowed

• If student enters one program or concentration and wants to be in a different program or concentration, student must reapply to new program/concentration during the next available application cycle and complete all references, essay, etc. to reflect the concentration/program they desire

• Admission into different program/concentration cannot be guaranteed based on prior admission into initial program/concentration
Non-Degree Study

- Non-degree eligibility: 3.0 GPA
- Only 9 credits of non-degree credits will be accepted as transfer (departmental policy)
  - Courses over 6 years old will not be accepted
  - Must obtain a B or better to transfer non-degree class credit into degree program
- Apply online for admission to the MSN when you register for the 2nd non-degree course or 6 credits

Mason University Non-Degree Office:
http://admissions.gmu.edu/nonDegree/

CHHS Non-Degree Website:
http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/non-degree.cfm
- Provides a list of available courses
Admissions

- Deadlines
  - Fall: February 1
    - MSN and Certificate programs
    - DNP
    - PhD

- Self-managed application process
- International transcript evaluation
  - Detailed evaluation – course by course (NACES.org)
  - English Proficiency Requirement
Program Time Limits

Mason sets time limits for graduate program completion:

- MSN – 6 years
- MSN to DNP – 6 years
- BSN to DNP – 8 years
- PhD – 9 years (must advance to candidacy within 6 years)
RN to MSN Prerequisite Requirements

- RN to MSN (students w/o a BSN or other bachelor’s degree)
  - General Education
    - Associate of Arts (AA) degree/Associate of Science (AS) degree
      - Approved VCCS with qualifying criteria
        - [http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/gaa.asp](http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/gaa.asp)
      - May meet all general education courses except ENGH 302
      - Note: AAS (Associate of Applied Science) does not meet general education requirements; most RN’s have an AAS degree
  - Course by course evaluation
    - English 101, English 302
    - Communication
    - Literature (200 level or above)
    - Arts
    - Social Science
    - Western Civilization
    - Global Understanding
    - Information Technology
    - Electives (15-19 cr)
RN to MSN Prerequisite Requirements

• Nursing Pre-requisites
  – Anatomy and Physiology I (4 cr)
  – Anatomy and Physiology II (4 cr)
  – Microbiology (4 cr)
  – Statistics (3 cr)
  – Biomedical Ethics (3 cr)

• RN to MSN Transition
  – NURS 440: Community Health and Epidemiology
Financial Aid

Mason Financial Aid Office
703-993-2355
http://financialaid.gmu.edu/

Other avenues of funding:
• National Health Service Corps – http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/
• Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program – http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/index.html
• Public Health Service Corp – http://www.usphs.gov/default.aspx
Thank You

• Thank you for your patience.
• Prerequisites will be evaluated by an advisor for those interested in RN to MSN program.
• Unfortunately, due to number of requests, advisors cannot schedule individual appointments.
• E-mail questions to chhsgrad@gmu.edu
• Best of luck in the application process!