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 (15 credits)
  • Post-master’s degree

• Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP) (21 credits)
  • 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
For additional information, contact Marie Kodadek (mkodadek@gmu.edu)

**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 Courses must be complete prior to starting the major courses
NURSE PRACTITIONER

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

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
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

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
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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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*)
Once admitted into the graduate Nursing program, transferring into a different concentration or program is not allowed.

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

Admission into a different program/concentration is not guaranteed based on prior admission into the 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 more than 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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
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 (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
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 the number of requests, advisors cannot schedule individual appointments.
• Email questions to chhssgrad@gmu.edu
• Best of luck in the application process!