

RN to MSN (Accelerated Pathway) • College of Nursing & Health

About the Program

In accordance with the philosophy of Madonna University, the faculty of the Department of Nursing is committed to assisting students in the development of Christian humanistic values, a spirit of intellectual inquiry, openness to discovery of truth and readiness to serve others. The nursing department holds the core values of wellness, professionalism, caring, and a future focus as central to its outcome.

Madonna University's nursing program has had continuous approval of the Michigan Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Accelerated RN-MSN Pathway Overview

The College of Nursing and Health offers an accelerated RN-MSN pathway for currently practicing and experienced Registered Nurses (RNs) who are not prepared with the baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) and are seeking career mobility. Students in this program will earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), with a major in Nursing Administration or Dual MSN/MBA, Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult Health Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, or Dual Adult Primary/Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner.

Credentialing

Both BSN and MSN degrees will be awarded by Madonna University.

The MSN degree requires a minimum of 30 credits beyond the BSN. Once the MSN is granted, graduates become eligible for the national certification exams appropriate to their specialty.

Admission Requirements

1. Completed application submitted to Nursing Admissions
2. Official transcripts from all colleges or post-secondary institutions attended submitted to Nursing Admissions.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Current Michigan RN license.
5. Resume of professional work experience.
6. Two completed recommendations from professional associates who can assess the potential of the applicant for graduate study.
7. Interview with the RN-Degree Completion Coordinator and the Chair of Nursing Graduate Program.
8. Statement of goals
9. Criminal background clearance prior to clinical practicum courses.

Accelerated RN-MSN Pathway

BSN Segment

A minimum of 124 semester hours (s.h.), are required for a BSN degree. Thirty-one nursing s.h. will be granted as prior learning credit based on nursing licensure. A minimum of 30 s.h., including 22 in nursing, will be taken at Madonna University. The remaining pre-requisites and general education requirements may be met in a variety of ways. Courses may be transferred from other colleges, granted as prior learning credit based on licensure and/or experience, by exam, or taken at Madonna.

Nursing Courses BSN Segment:

NUR 3010 Transition 4 s.h.
NUR 3040 Health Assessment for RNs (meets prerequisite for NUR 5250) 2 s.h.
NUR 4220 Community Health 4 s.h.

The following 4 graduate courses are substitutes for selected undergraduate courses in the BSN segment of the RN to MSN Pathway. Graduate credits in the BSN segment are not to exceed 15 s.h.

NUR 5000 Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice 3.s.h.
NUR 5210* Influencing Power and Politics in Health Care (SOC (4th credit clinical option) 3-4 s.h.
NUR 5650*Professional Responsibilities in Health Care Organizations* (4th credit clinical option) 3-4 s.h.
NUR 5760* Disciplined Inquiry for Nursing Practice 3 s.h.

*All students in the RN-MSN pathway will take either NUR 5210 or NUR 5650 for 4 credits (to include a clinical) depending on professional experience and MSN specialty. Some students may require both clinicals, including students who stop out after the BSN and/or those lacking prior leadership experience. Math 2350 or equivalent is a prerequisite to NUR 5760.

Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 and achieve a grade of B or higher in each of the graduate classes taken in the undergraduate phase of the pathway in order to progress seamlessly into the graduate phase of the program

Additional details regarding the BSN segment of the RN to MSN pathway, and progression policies are listed in the Madonna University Undergraduate Bulletin.

MSN segment nursing courses are listed on the reverse side.



For Admissions:

Application, transcripts, goal statement and reference letters are to be submitted directly to:

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Office of Nursing Admissions
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Livonia, MI 48150-1173

734-432-5717 or
800-852-4951 x 5717
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For Program Information Contact:

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Tuition

Tuition rate for the 2006-2007 academic year is \$410.00 per undergraduate semester hour and \$417.00 per graduate semester hour.

With tuition well below the national average for private universities, Madonna University is the most affordable independent liberal arts university in Michigan.

NOTE: One semester credit hour requires one clock hour in the classroom or three clock hours in practicum or laboratory per week of the semester.

Madonna University reserves the right to withdraw or modify information in this brochure.

See Nursing Advisor/Admissions Office for current information.

Madonna University guarantees the right to equal educational opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disabilities.

MSN Segment

**RN to MSN Specialties

RN to MSN/Adult Health Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Courses needed for MSN segment (36 s.h.)

- BIO 5600 Advanced Human Pathophysiology 3 s.h.
- *NUR 5250 Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (includes laboratory and practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 5300 Community-Based Primary Care of Adolescents and Adults (practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 5350 Advanced Pharmacology 3 s.h.
- NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.
- NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.
- NUR 6500 Clinical Management of Chronic Conditions (practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 6750 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems (practicum) 6 s.h.

Total 36 s.h.

RN to MSN/ Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Courses needed for MSN segment (36 s.h.)

- Nursing Core Courses (3 s.h.)**
- NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.
- Advanced Practice Core (15 s.h.)**
- *BIO 5600 Advanced Human Pathophysiology 3 s.h.
- *NUR 5250 Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (includes Laboratory and Practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 5350 Advanced Pharmacology 3 s.h.
- NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.
- Specialty Curricula (18 s.h.)**
- NUR 5310 Clinical Decision Making in Acute Care (practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 6500 Clinical Management of

- Chronic Conditions 2 s.h.
- NUR 6510 Clinical Management of Chronic Problems in Acute Care (practicum) 4 s.h.
- NUR 6750 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems (Practicum) 6 s.h.

Total 36 s.h.

RN to MSN/Adult Primary and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner: Dual Track

Courses needed for MSN segment (43 s.h.)

- BIO 5600 Advanced Human Pathophysiology 3 s.h.
- *NUR 5250 Health Assessment and Promotion in Advanced Practice (includes laboratory and practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 5350 Advanced Pharmacology 3 s.h.
- NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.
- NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.

Adult Primary Care (13 s.h.)

- NUR 5300 Community-Based Primary Care of Adolescents and Adults (practicum) 4 s.h.
- NUR 6500 Clinical Management of Chronic Conditions in Primary Care (Practicum) 5 s.h.
- NUR 6750 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems (practicum) 4 s.h.

Adult Palliative Care (12 s.h.)

- HSP 5010 Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research, and Practice 3 s.h.
- NUR 5011 Multidimensional Assessment in Palliative Care: Psychosocial and Bereavement Issues (practicum) 3 s.h.
- NUR 6800 Advanced Clinical Management of Complex Symptoms and Syndromes in Palliative Care (Practicum) 6 s.h.

Total 43 s.h.

***RN to MSN/Adult Health:
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)***

Courses needed for MSN segment
(35 s.h.)

BIO 5600 Advanced Human
Pathophysiology 3 s.h.

*NUR 5250 Health Assessment and
Promotion in Advanced Practice
(includes laboratory and practicum)
6 s.h.

NUR 5350 Advanced Pharmacology
3 s.h.

NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced
Nursing Knowledge and Roles in
Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 5500 Clinical Care of Clients
(practicum) 6 s.h.

NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and
Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 6230 Advanced Care Strategies
(practicum) 6 s.h.

NUR 6450 Care Management
(practicum) 5 s.h.

Total 35 s.h.

*Note prerequisite: For NUR 5250:
Admission to an Advanced Practice
Nursing specialty track; NUR 3040 or
equivalent within past 5 years;
prerequisite or corequisite: BIO 5600.

***RN to MSN
Nursing Administration***

Courses needed for MSN segment
(30 s.h.)

ACC 5320 Essentials of Health Care
Financial Decision Making 3 s.h.

*CIS 5230 Nursing and Health Care
Informatics 2 s.h.

MGT 6300 Organizational Theories and
Behavior 3 s.h.

MKT 5160 Essentials of Marketing
3 s.h.

NUR 5230 Applied Nursing Informatics
1 s.h.

NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced
Nursing Knowledge Roles in
Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and
Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 5950 Applied Managerial
Decision Making (practicum) 6 s.h.

NUR 6300 Nursing Administration
Theories and Practice 3 s.h.

NUR 6310 Nursing Administration
Integration 3 s.h.

Total 30 s.h.

***RN to MSN/MBA Dual Degree
Program Requirements (49-50 s.h.)***

Nursing Core Courses (3 s.h.)

NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and
Practice 3 s.h.

Advanced Core Courses (14-15 s.h.)

ACC 5320 Essentials of Health Care
Financial Decision Making
3 s.h.

NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced
Nursing
Knowledge and Roles in
Practice 3 s.h.

MKT 5160 Essentials of Marketing
3 s.h.

NUR 5950 Applied Managerial
Decision Making
(Practicum) 5-6 s.h.

***Business Administration Specialty
Courses (24 s.h.)***

ACC 6320 Management Control
Systems In
Health Care 4 s.h.

BL 6040 Legal Issues in Business
2 s.h.

*CIS 5230 Nursing & Health Care
Informatics 2 s.h.

INB 6080 Perspectives in International
Business 2 s.h.

MGT 5550 Ethical Considerations in
Leadership 2 s.h.

MGT 6150 Total Quality Management
3 s.h.

MGT 6300 Organizational Theories and
Behavior 3 s.h.

MGT 6950 Strategic Management
of Business Policy
3 s.h.

MKT 5790 Marketing Strategy 3 s.h.

***Nursing Administration Specialty
Courses (7 s.h.)***

NUR 5230 Applied Nursing Informatics
1 s.h.

NUR 6300 Nursing Administration
Theories and Practice
(Practicum) 3 s.h.

NUR 6310 Nursing Administration
Integration
(Practicum) 3 s.h.

Total 49-50 s.h.

*Note Specific Prerequisites: For CIS
5230, Completion of CIS 2380,
Introduction to Computers, and
experience in a health related field.

**NUR 5000, 5210, 5650, and 5760 will
have already been completed during the
BSN segment of the RN-MSN program.
All RN-to-MSN specialty students may
choose to complete an optional research
thesis: NUR 6930 Nursing Research:
Theory 4 s.h.

RN-MSN Degree Outcomes:

Students in the BSN segment will meet
the nursing undergraduate program
outcomes; students in the MSN segment
will meet the appropriate graduate
outcomes within their specialty. See the
Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins
for a listing of these outcomes.

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