

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).

RN-MSN Accelerated Pathway

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 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, or Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner or Dual Adult Primary/Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, or Dual Adult Acute/Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner, or Adult Health: Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Admission Requirements for the Accelerated RN-MSN Pathway

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. Résumé of professional work experiences.
6. Two completed recommendations from professional associates who can assess the potential of the applicant for graduate study.
7. Written statement of educational goals.
8. Criminal background clearance
9. Interview with the Nursing Admissions Counselor and the Chair of Nursing Graduate Program.

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 3 s.h.
NUR 3040 Health Assessment for RNs (meets prerequisite for NUR 5250) 2 s.h.
NUR 4300 Population Based Care

BSN Segment of RN to MSN Pathway

substitutes 4 graduate courses for selected undergraduate courses. GPA requirement 3.0.

The following graduate-level courses complete the Nursing major for the BSN (graduate credits in the BSN 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 (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.

**MTH 2350 or equivalent is a prerequisite to NUR 5760.

RN to MSN Degrees

- Both BSN and MSN degrees will be awarded by Madonna University.
- The MSN degree requires a minimum of 30 credits beyond the BSN.

Additional details regarding the RN-to-MSN pathway are listed in the Madonna University Undergraduate Bulletin. For more information contact: the Nursing Admissions Counselor at Madonna University, (800) 852-4951, ext. 5718.



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

Madonna University
 Office of Nursing Admissions
 36600 Schoolcraft Rd.
 Livonia, MI 48150-1173
 (734) 432-5717 or
 (800) 852-4951 ext. 5717
 Fax 734-432-5463
 Web: www.madonna.edu

For Program Information Contact:

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Tuition

Tuition rate for the 2007-2008 academic year is \$437.00 per undergraduate nursing semester hour and \$440.00 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.

RN to MSN Specialties

The MSN segment of all specialties of the RN to MSN assume the completion within the BSN of NUR 5000, NUR 5210, NUR 5650, and NUR 5760.

RN to MSN/Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (NP)

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

- Nursing Core (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 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.
- NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.

Specialty Curriculum (18 s.h.)

- NUR 5300 Community-Based Primary Care of Adolescents and Adults (includes practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 6500 Clinical Management of Chronic Health Problems (includes practicum) 6 s.h.
- NUR 6750 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems in Primary Care (includes practicum) 6 s.h.

Total 36 s.h.

*Note Course Prerequisites

For NUR 5250: Admission to an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty Track; NUR 3040 or equivalent within past five years. Prerequisite or co-requisite: BIO 5600.

For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3710 or equivalent.

RN to MSN/ Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner(NP)

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

- Nursing Core (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) 6s.h.
- NUR 5350 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.

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

Specialty Curriculum (18 s.h.)

- NUR 5310 Clinical Decision Making in Acute Care (includes practicum) 6 s.h.
 - NUR 6500 Clinical Management of Chronic Health Problems 2 s.h.
 - NUR 6510 Clinical Management of Chronic Health Problems in Acute Care (includes practicum) 4 s.h.
 - NUR 6751 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems in Acute Care (includes practicum) 6 s.h.
- Total 36 s.h.**

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

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

- Nursing Core (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 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.
- NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.

Specialty Curricula (25 s.h.) Adult Primary Care (13 s.h.)

- NUR 5300 Community-Based Primary Care of Adolescents and Adults (includes practicum) 4 s.h.
- NUR 6500 Clinical Management of Chronic Health Problems in Primary Care (includes Practicum) 5 s.h.
- NUR 6750 Clinical Management and Evaluation of Complex Health Problems in Primary Care (includes 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 (includes practicum) 3 s.h.

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NUR 6800 Advanced Clinical Management of Complex Symptoms and Syndromes in Palliative Care (includes practicum) 6 s.h.
Total 43 s.h.

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 For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3710 or equivalent.

RN to MSN/Adult Acute and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

Courses Needed for MSN Segment (43 s.h.)

Nursing Core (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 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.

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

Specialty Curricula (25 s.h.)

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For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3710 or equivalent.

RN to MSN/Adult Health: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Courses needed for MSN segment (35 s.h.)

Nursing Core (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 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.

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

Specialty Curriculum (17 s.h.)

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

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

NUR 6450 Care Management (includes practicum) 5 s.h.
Total 35 s.h.

*Note Course Prerequisites

For NUR 5250: Admission to an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty track; NUR 3040 or equivalent within past five years. Prerequisite or co-requisite: BIO 5600.

For BIO 5600: Completion of BIO 3710 or equivalent.

RN to MSN Nursing Administration

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

Nursing Core (3 s.h.)

NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.

Advanced Core (21 s.h.)

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

*MIS 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 and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.

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

Specialty Curriculum (6 s.h.)

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

NUR 6310 Nursing Administration Integration (includes practicum) 3 s.h.
Total 30 s.h.

*Note Course Prerequisite

For MIS 5230, Nursing and Health Care Informatics: completion of CIS 2380 and experience in a health-related field.

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

Nursing Core (3 s.h.)

NUR 5850 Bridging Evidence and Practice 3 s.h.

Advanced Core (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 (includes practicum) 5-6 s.h.

Specialty Curricula (31 sh.)

Business Administration Specialty (24 s.h.)

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

BL 6040 Legal Issues in Business 2 s.h.

*MIS 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 (7 s.h.)

NUR 5230 Applied Nursing Informatics 1 s.h.

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

NUR 6310 Nursing Administration Integration (includes practicum) 3 s.h.
Total 49-50 s.h.

*Note Course Prerequisite

For MIS 5230, Nursing and Health Care Informatics: completion of CIS 2380 and experience in a health-related field.

All RN-to-MSN specialty students may choose to complete an optional nursing research thesis

NUR 6930 Nursing Research: Thesis 4 s.h.