

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES – GRADUATE NURSING

DEPARTMENT CODE: NUR

The School of Nursing and Health Studies offers two degrees: the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Nursing. Admission to graduate programs in the School is subject to the rules, regulations, and procedures as set out in the Graduate Bulletin of the University of Miami. It is the responsibility of each student to understand these requirements and to be sure that they are met.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

The Master of Science in Nursing degree focuses upon selected areas of advanced practice nursing consisting of 39 to 47 semester hours credits. The degree requirements may be completed in four to five semesters of full-time study. Part-time study is also available. A minimum grade of B must be attained in all clinical courses and a minimum cumulative grade point of average of B must be maintained for graduation. Further information about each program can be obtained from the Office of Student Services, School of Nursing and Health Studies, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248153, Coral Gables, FL 33124-3850; ph (305) 284-3666.

The MSN Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, 33 Floor, New York, NY 10006 (212-363-5555 x 153). Information concerning tuition, fees, and length of program may be obtained from NLNAC. The Nurse Midwifery Program is accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives, 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006 (202-728-9860). The Nurse Anesthesia Program is accredited by the American Association of Nurse Anesthesia.

MAJORS: ACUTE CARE NURSING, PRIMARY CARE NURSING, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

The curriculum leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree prepares students for advanced practice nursing in Acute Care, Primary Care, or Community Health Nursing. Within the Acute Care Nursing Major, the specialty areas offered are Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Anesthesia. Within the Primary Care Nursing Major, the specialty areas offered are Adult Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwifery, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. Within the Community Health Nursing Major, the specialty areas are Population-Based Nursing and Disease Management Nursing.

ADMISSION:

All of those wishing to take courses for graduate credit, whether or not they wish to become candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing degree (M.S.N.), must complete application for admission well in advance of registration. Professional nurses holding a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing are eligible to apply for admission to the Master of Science program. Admission to the masters program requires:

1. The completed application form.
2. Official transcripts of all previous coursework, both undergraduate and graduate (with undergraduate G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

3. A satisfactory score on the quantitative and verbal portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.
4. A minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) by those international applicants whose native language is not English.
5. Three written references from persons qualified to comment upon the applicant's academic abilities and probable success in graduate study; references will be acceptable from a major professor, supervisor/employer, and other professional persons, preferably professional nursing personnel.
6. A current Florida license is required for clinical courses.
7. A statement of professional goals and objectives for graduate study.
8. An interview with one or more faculty.
9. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification for the Acute Care Major.
10. One year of critical care nursing experience for Nurse Anesthesia specialty.

Successful completion of a basic statistics course is a prerequisite to Research in Nursing (NUR 630) and Principles of Epidemiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (NUR 633). The requirement may be met in the first semester of study, but cannot be counted in the total credits required for graduation. It is recommended that the prerequisite be met before admission to the program.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students in the School of Nursing and Health Studies are responsible for meeting the degree requirements. It is the student's responsibility to understand fully, and comply with all the provisions of the *Bulletin* and written changes to their program of study. Students are provided assistance by advisors and faculty members. Requests for deviation from the program of study or school requirements are granted only by written approval from the Dean. Students who are in violation of the provisions of this *Bulletin* may be withdrawn unilaterally by appropriate School officials from classes, deleted as Nursing and Health Studies students or have a stop placed upon their future enrollment. The school reserves the right to change academic requirements to include course offerings to ensure that students are receiving the latest knowledge. Changes are transmitted by written notice in the current year of the School of Nursing and Health Studies Graduate Handbook or by the Dean.

GRADUATE ENTRY OPTION:

Please see BSN Entry Program for BSN Portion of the Graduate Entry Option at www.miami.edu/nur.

Individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree in a field other than nursing and who qualify for admission as undergraduate and/or graduate students, may apply for admission as Graduate Entry students. Graduate Entry students are enrolled in a 7 semester "seamless" program. The program of study for these students will include the completion of courses required for licensure as a registered nurse and a graduate nursing major.

Admission requirements for Graduate Entry applicants are the same as those for the Masters Program, plus the following:

1. Graduate Entry students must successfully complete the following prerequisite courses, prior to admission:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology (2 semesters)
 - Chemistry

Microbiology
 Introductory Psychology
 Statistics
 Nutrition
 Human Growth and Development

2. A Florida nursing license is not required for admission but must be obtained prior to progressing into the MSN portion of the Graduate Entry Option. A summer clinical practicum is expected before beginning the advanced practice nursing clinical courses.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS :

THESIS OPTION

The addition of a thesis to a student's program of study must be approved by the faculty advisor. Six credits will be required for thesis work. The six credits are in addition to the total credits required for each major. The thesis represents original work approved by a thesis committee. The committee chair must be a member of the Graduate Faculty of the University. A written comprehensive examination may be required.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All students in the Acute Care Major will complete the following courses:

Advanced Professional Nursing Core Courses (Credits)	12 credits
NUR610: Theoretical Bases of Nursing (2)	
NUR611: Cultural and Behavioral Concepts of Health (2)	
NUR617: Environment of Practice (2)	
NUR630: Research in Nursing (3)	
NUR633: Principles of Epidemiology for Advance Practice Nursing (3)	
Acute Care Nursing Core Courses	12 credits
NUR601: Advanced Pharmacology (3)	
NUR612: Physiology/Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)	
NUR613: Advanced Health Assessment (3)	
NUR616: Pharmacology for Acute Care and Anesthesia Nursing (3)	
Acute Care Nursing of the Adult Specialty Courses	19 credits
NUR621: Diagnostics and Nursing Interventions for Acute Care Nursing (3)	
NUR622: Acute Care Nursing of Adults I (5)	
NUR628: Advanced Practice Nursing of the Adult (5)	
NUR639: Acute Care Nursing of Adults II (6)	
OR	
Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Courses	22 credits
NUR614: Basic Concepts in Anesthesia Nursing (3)	
NUR615: Professional Aspects of Anesthesia Nursing (2)	
NUR619: Advanced Concepts of Anesthesia Nursing I (3)	
NUR620: Advanced Concepts of Anesthesia Nursing II (5)	
NUR645: Interdisciplinary Anesthesia Nursing I (3)	

NUR646: Interdisciplinary Anesthesia Nursing II (3)
 NUR650: Interdisciplinary Anesthesia Nursing III (3)

All students in the Primary Care Nursing Major will complete the following courses:

Advanced Practice Nursing Core Courses (Credits)	12 credits
NUR610: Theoretical Bases of Nursing (2) NUR611: Cultural and Behavioral Concepts of Health (2) NUR617: Environment of Practice (2) NUR630: Research in Nursing (3) NUR633: Principles of Epidemiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)	
Primary Care Nursing Core Courses	9 credits
NUR601: Advanced Pharmacology (3) NUR612: Physiology/Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (3) NUR613: Advanced Health Assessment (3)	
Primary Care Nursing Specialty Courses	18 -20 credits
Adult Health Nurse Practitioner	18 credits
NUR624: Primary Health Aging Adults (5) NUR626: Primary Gynecological Health Care of Women (2) NUR628: Advanced Practice Nursing of Adults (5) NUR648: Advanced Practice Nursing Integration (6) OR	
Family Nurse Practitioner	18 credits
NUR623: Primary Health Care of Infants and Children (3) NUR626: Primary Gynecological Health Care of Women (2) NUR627: Primary Prenatal Health Care of Women (2) NUR628: Advanced Practice Nursing of Adults (5) NUR648: Advanced Practice Nursing Integration (6) OR	
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	18 credits
NUR628: Advanced Practice Nursing of Adults (5) NUR635: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Families and Groups (2) NUR636: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing of Adults (5) NUR648: Advanced Practice Nursing Integration (6) OR	
Nurse Midwifery	20 credits
NUR626: Primary Gynecological Health Care of Women (2) NUR627: Primary Prenatal Health Care of Women (2) NUR629: Common Health Conditions of Women (3) NUR631: High Risk Family (2) NUR634: Perinatal Health Care (5) NUR648: Advanced Practice Nursing Integration (6) OR	
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	18 credits
NUR626: Primary Gynecological Health Care of Women (2) NUR627: Primary Prenatal Health Care of Women (2) NUR629: Common Health Problems of Women (3) NUR632: Care for Special Populations (5) NUR648: Advanced Practice Nursing Integration (6)	

All students in the Community Health Nursing Major will complete the following courses:

Advanced Practice Nursing Core Courses (Credits)	13 credits
NUR602: Cultural Basis of Community Health Care (3) NUR610: Theoretical Bases of Nursing (2) NUR617: Environment of Practice (2) NUR630: Research in Nursing (3) NUR633: Principles of Epidemiology for Advance Practice Nursing (3)	
Community Health Nursing Core Courses	12 credits
EPH501: Medical Biostatistic I (3) EPH502: Medical Biostatistics II (3) NUR590: Health Policy, Structure, Ethics (3) NUR603: Community Health Nursing Systems Administration (3)	
Community Health Nursing Specialty Courses	17 credits
NUR604: Community Health Nursing I (3) NUR605: Field Experience in Community Health Nursing (3) NUR606: Community Health Nursing II (5) NUR607: Community Health Nursing III (6)	

THE PH.D. PROGRAM

The Ph.D. with a major in Nursing program requires a minimum of 60 credits of coursework beyond the masters degree. The principal goal of the Ph.D. with a major in Nursing program is to prepare scholars and researchers who will contribute to the growth of clinical science in nursing through recognized methods of scholarly inquiry. Admission to the doctoral program is competitive.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree the candidate must meet all the general requirements for the Ph.D. degree with respect to residency, and written and oral examinations. The 24 credits required for the dissertation are divided as follows: 18 dissertation semester credit hours and 2-6 credit hours required in dissertation seminar. Approval of the dissertation prospectus is required.

I. Entrance Requirements

A. Admission. The regular admission procedures include:

1. The completed application form
2. The official transcripts of all college work previously taken, including both undergraduate and graduate
3. The official report of the appropriate entrance examination, taken within five years of the application. Applicants must submit the scores from the Graduate Record Examination; International applicants whose native language is not English must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

B. Selection of students. Factors considered for admission include:

1. Completion of the masters degree with an outstanding record from an accredited institution
2. Adequacy of previous study in advanced clinical nursing
3. Relevant experience as evidenced in curriculum vitae
4. Recommendations
5. Written evaluations by key professors
6. Statement of professional goals and interests in doctoral study
7. Admissions interview
8. Portfolio of scholarly work related to some aspect of nursing for evaluation by the doctoral admissions committee for evidence of scholarly potential

II. Placement Evaluation

A. Applicants enrolled in the MSN program may request admission review by the Graduate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee after completing 24 credit hours of graduate work. Admission to graduate status does not imply admission to candidacy for a degree.

B. Applicants with master's degrees will be evaluated by the Graduate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee individually. Additional courses may be required and must be satisfactorily completed before final approval of admission is granted.

C. After admission to the Ph.D. in Nursing program, a Supervisory Committee will assist the student in planning a course of study.

III. General Course Work Requirements and Distribution

For Students Entering with a Masters Degree	60 credits
Advanced Professional Nursing Core courses <i>Philosophical and Theoretical Bases for Nursing Science (NUR 651)</i> <i>Development of Nursing Science (NUR 661)</i>	6 credits
Advanced Clinical Nursing <i>Clinical Inquiry (NUR 655)</i>	3 credits
Nursing Research <i>Methods and Design for Nursing Research (NUR 665)</i> <i>Qualitative Methods in Qualitative Research (NUR 670)</i> <i>Research Practicum (NUR 667)</i> <i>Measurement of Nursing Phenomena (NUR 680)</i>	11 credits
Statistics and Computer Science courses	9 credits
Electives and Philosophy course	7 credits
Dissertation	24 credits
Dissertation Seminar (NUR 695)	2-6 credits
Doctoral Dissertation (NUR 730)	18 credits

At least 24 credits in the major and cognate fields must be taken at the University of Miami in doctoral status. Two semesters in residence, as defined in the Bulletin, are required for students in doctoral status. Doctoral students are expected to participate in the research activities of the University during residency. One-half of the total course credits must be in work only open to graduate students. Additional graduate credit may be required for individual programs.

IV. Research Residency Requirements

The candidate will be required to show proficiency in the areas listed below. The research residency requirements are approved in consultation with the advisor and Supervisory committee, and may include examination or course work in the following:

1. Computer Science and Application
2. Statistics
3. Qualitative research
4. Nursing research

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CULTURE AND NURSING

Under an endowment from the William R. Ryan Trust, the Institute for the Study of Culture and Nursing began its activities in 1984. The Institute serves as the research center for the University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies. The purpose is to facilitate the development, implementation, and dissemination of research that will improve patient care in a culturally diverse society.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The School of Nursing and Health Studies provides the following sources of financial assistance for full time graduate students who are not employed full time by other agencies:

1. Tuition Scholarships. These awards vary in amount and are intended to assist the recipient in pursuit of study and research as required by the degree. These scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.
2. Graduate Stipends. These cash awards, paid monthly, are intended as part of an educational assistance program for Master and Doctoral degree students. The stipends require service in the form of teaching, research assistance, or other appropriate educational activities that may be designated by the supervisor of the recipient.

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