

NURSING, M.S.N.

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to prepare graduates for advanced practice nursing, as family nurse practitioners, nurse educators, or nurse managers. In collaboration with Shenandoah University, the program offers students the opportunity to become nurse midwives (NM) or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP).

Coursework in the Master of Science in Nursing program incorporates the classroom, laboratory, and clinical modes of instruction. All nursing students have experiences with rural and/or underserved populations as part of the state initiatives for primary health care. The Master of Science in Nursing program requires the completion of a minimum of 41 credit hours for the family nurse practitioner (MSN-FNP) area of emphasis, 36 credit hours for the nursing administration (MSN-NA) and nursing education (MSN-NE) areas of emphasis, 44 credit hours for the nurse-midwifery (MSN-NM) area of emphasis, and 52 credits for psychiatric mental health nurse (MSN-PMHNP) practitioners.

The two collaborative programs with Shenandoah University, Nurse Midwifery and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, are under revision and are subject to change this year.

Certifications

Upon successful completion of the MSN-FNP program, graduates are eligible to take the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) for Adult and Family Nurse Practitioners and/or the American Nurses' Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification for Family Nurse Practitioners. Graduates of the MSN-NA program are eligible to take the ANCC Certification Examination for Nursing Administration or Nursing Administration Advanced, depending on their experience and stage of professional development. Graduates of the Nursing Education (MSN-NE) program are eligible to take the National League for Nursing Certified Nurse Educator Examination (CNE). Nurse-Midwifery (MSN-NM) graduates are eligible to take the American Midwife Certification Board Exam. MSN-PMHNP graduates are eligible to take the ANCC Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam.

The MSN program purpose is achieved through three program components.

1. The core component (12 credits) focuses on knowledge and skills related to nursing theory, advanced nursing research, leadership, and health care issues.
2. The area of emphasis component (18 to 35 credits) allows the student to specialize in a particular area. The family nurse practitioner area of emphasis (29 credits) provides students with the opportunity to develop competency as a family nurse practitioner. The nursing administration area of emphasis (18 credits) provides students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills necessary to administer/manage rural/underserved primary care agencies, home health care, and other health care agencies or units. The nursing education area of emphasis (21 credits) gives the student the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be a nurse educator. The nurse-midwifery area of emphasis (32 credits) provides knowledge and skills to practice as a nurse-midwife. The psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner provides the student the opportunity to develop

competency as psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (35 credits).

3. The elective component (6 credits) allows students to choose one of four options:
 1. thesis,
 2. role development courses in teaching, or
 3. elective courses related to the student's area of interest, or
 4. organizational dynamics or financial strategies in administration.

The M.S.N. program must be completed in a period not to exceed 7 calendar years from the date of first class enrollment.

Accreditation

The Master of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone, 404-975-5000; fax, 404-975-5020; Web, www.acenursing.org (<http://www.acenursing.org>).

Admission Requirements

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website: <https://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission> (<https://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>).

Students must also submit a separate application to the MSN program at <https://www.marshall.edu/nursing/files/MSN-Application-and-Validation-of-RN-Licensure-.pdf>.

Deadline

Completed application by September 15 and March 15 of each year.

In addition:

The nursing program is available to a limited number of qualified applicants. Admission is determined on a competitive basis. To be eligible for regular admission to the program, applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from an ACEN- or CCNE-accredited program, if nursing degree is from a school of nursing in the United States. Baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing for students graduating from an international school of nursing (accredited program requirement is waived for students graduating from an international school of nursing).
2. Post-master's applicants should have a Master of Science in Nursing from an ACEN- or CCNE-accredited program.
3. Undergraduate course credit for 3 semester hours of basic statistics with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Undergraduate course credit for 3 semester hours of basic research with a grade of "C" or better.
5. Evidence of a current unencumbered license as a registered nurse in a U.S. jurisdiction. Verification form is included in the MSN application package.
6. Scholastic achievement as evidenced by an overall undergraduate/graduate Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
7. It is strongly recommended that all MSN students have two years of full-time nursing practice prior to application to the program.

Those who do not meet this criterion will be considered on an individual basis.

- Midwifery and psychiatric mental health applicants must have an interview with Shenandoah University faculty prior to the application deadline.

An applicant with a master's in nursing is eligible to be admitted as a post-master's student depending on space availability.

Program Requirements

The student and advisor will develop a Plan of Study or blueprint for graduation requirements. The Plan of Study must be on file in the Graduate College office before the student registers for the 12th semester hour.

Nurse-Midwifery (Offered in Cooperation with Shenandoah University)

Program is under revision.

Once the student has successfully completed his or her 25 credit hours at Marshall University, the student will transfer to Shenandoah University to obtain an additional 19 credit hours of classroom and clinical midwifery courses. The student will spend one week at the beginning of each semester at Shenandoah and then return to rural WV to be placed with a preceptor to obtain the clinical portion of the program. The student will continue to receive didactic material from Shenandoah midwifery faculty.

Upon successful completion of the 19 credit hours at Shenandoah, the student transfers these 19 hours to Marshall University. The student will receive an M.S.N. from Marshall University and a certificate in Nurse-Midwifery from Shenandoah University. The student is then eligible to take the Certified Nurse Midwifery Exam from the American Midwives Certification.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Offered in Cooperation with Shenandoah University)

Program is under revision.

The curriculum will consist of 52 credit hours: 25 of these hours will be taken in Marshall University's School of Nursing MSN program; and 27 credit hours will be taken from Shenandoah University's Division of Nursing.

Students will meet all Marshall University School of Nursing and Shenandoah University admissions requirements; including an interview by SU psychiatric mental health nurse faculty. Students will take the above courses at Marshall University and the PMHNP courses at Shenandoah University.

SU will offer 27 hours of courses, all offered through SU psychiatric mental health nurse faculty. Students enrolled in the PMHNP will attend PMHNP classes at Shenandoah University after attending the core graduate courses at Marshall University.

The PMHNP curriculum allows students to attend classes during concentrated times (2 weekends a semester). The remaining weeks of the semester, students are placed with clinical preceptors to apply what they have learned in the didactic portion of the course(s). Students then return to campus for examinations, or arrange for a

proctored examination. Twenty three credit hours will be transferred from SU to Marshall University.

Upon successful completion of the 27 credit hours at Shenandoah, the student transfers these 27 hours to Marshall University. The student will receive an M.S.N. from Marshall University and a certificate from Shenandoah University.

Policies

Students in both the M.S.N. and Post Master's Certificate programs are governed by policies stated in the Marshall University Graduate College Catalog. Policies specific to the nursing programs are as follows:

M.S.N. General Academic Policies

- All graduate academic policies apply to all M.S.N. and post master's coursework. Students are required to review and download the current Graduate Catalog and M.S.N. Handbook upon admission to the M.S.N. program.
- The School of Nursing reserves the right to administratively withdraw any nursing student whose health, academic record, clinical performance, or behavior is judged unsatisfactory.
- A student is permitted to repeat only one nursing course in the process of completing the MSN program.
- All grades of *C* or less are counted in computing averages, but no more than six hours of *C* and no grades below *C* may be applied toward a graduate degree or post-master's certificate. (From *Graduate Catalog*.)
- A student who earns 9 credits of a *C* in nursing courses will be dismissed from the program.
- If a student earns a *D* or *F* in any course, he or she will be dismissed from the program.
- Any student dismissed from the program may not reapply to the area of emphasis in which he or she was enrolled.
- Students in the graduate program who fail to enroll for a semester without an approved leave of absence (LOA) are considered withdrawn from the program and are not eligible for future enrollment.
- Students who do not follow the university procedure for withdrawal from a course will earn a grade of *F* for the course.
- No more than twelve (12) credit hours may be accepted as transfer credit. For graduate certificate programs, transfer credits may not exceed 6 credit hours. The grades earned in the classes to be transferred must be a *B* or better. Graduate credits transferred from other institutions will not become a part of the Grade Point Average recorded on the student's Marshall University transcript and will simply meet credit hour requirements toward graduation. (From *Graduate Catalog*.)
- All students must have a 3.00 GPA in their major to graduate and receive the MSN or post master's certificate.
- A student must have an approved Plan of Study (POS) developed with his or her advisor prior to registering for any M.S.N. class. Any deviation from the student's POS must be approved by his or her advisor. Failure to comply with this policy can result in an administrative withdrawal from a course.

Other Policies

- Each student must submit a satisfactory health record prior to registering for his/her first nursing course with a clinical component.

2. Each student is required to have an annual PPD screening test for Tuberculosis.
3. Each student must show evidence of the following prior to registering for any nursing course with a clinical component:
 - a. Current unencumbered professional nurse licensure in West Virginia and
 - b. Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
4. Students are responsible for own transportation to and from all clinical assignments.
5. Students are required to be in professional attire for all clinical practicums and to wear a name pin. In addition, selected clinical agencies require a white lab coat.
6. Students are required to pass and submit a background check and drug screen.

For additional information, contact the School of Nursing.

For additional policies, see the *Graduate Nursing Student Handbook*.

Plan of Study

Family Nurse Practitioner

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Component Courses		
NUR 602	Theoretical Found in NUR	3
NUR 604	Leadership in Nursing	3
NUR 606	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NUR 608	Issues in Health Care	3
Area of Emphasis Component Courses		
NUR 620	Adv Pathophysiology I	2
NUR 621	Adv Pathophysiology II	2
NUR 622	Advanced Physical Assessment	5
NUR 624	Adv Family Nursing Practice I	5
NUR 626	Adv Family Nursing III	5
NUR 663	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NUR 664	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
NUR 695	Internship: Adv Family Nur	6
Total Credit Hours		41

Nursing Administration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Component Courses		
NUR 602	Theoretical Found in NUR	3
NUR 604	Leadership in Nursing	3
NUR 606	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NUR 608	Issues in Health Care	3
Area of Emphasis Component Courses		
NUR 642	Org Dynamics in Nursing	3
NUR 644	Financial Stra In Nur Adm	3
NUR 646	Nur Manage Health Care I	6
NUR 648	Nur Manage Health Care II	6
Elective Component Courses		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
NUR 681	Thesis	

NUR 616	Curr Dev in Nursing	
NUR 618	Teaching in Nursing	
Other Electives		
Total Credit Hours		36

Nursing Education

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Component Courses		
NUR 602	Theoretical Found in NUR	3
NUR 604	Leadership in Nursing	3
NUR 606	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NUR 608	Issues in Health Care	3
Area of Concentration Component Courses		
NUR 616	Curr Dev in Nursing	3
NUR 618	Teaching in Nursing	3
NUR 619	Practicum: Teach Nursing	6
EDF 636	Advanced Classroom Assessment	3
CIEC 600	Instructional Design & Tech	3
EDF 619	Educational Psychology	3
Elective Course Options		
Select one of the following:		3
NUR 681	Thesis	
Other Electives		
Total Credit Hours		36

Nurse-Midwifery (Offered in Cooperation with Shenandoah University)

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core and Related Courses at Marshall University		
NUR 602	Theoretical Found in NUR	3
NUR 604	Leadership in Nursing	3
NUR 606	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NUR 608	Issues in Health Care	3
NUR 620	Adv Pathophysiology I	2
NUR 621	Adv Pathophysiology II	2
NUR 622	Advanced Physical Assessment	5
NUR 663	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NUR 664	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
Advanced Practice Midwifery Courses at Shenandoah University		
NM 610	Primary Care of Women	3
NM 620	Comprehensive Antepartal Care	3
NM 630	Midwifery Practicum	3
NM 640	Comprehensive Perinatal Care	3
NMLB 651	Integrated Midwifery Internship	5
NM 652	Evidence-Based Practice Project	1
NM 660	Advanced Nurse-Midwifery Role Development	1
Total Credit Hours		44

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Offered in Cooperation with Shenandoah University)

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core and Related Courses at Marshall University		
NUR 602	Theoretical Found in NUR	3
NUR 604	Leadership in Nursing	3
NUR 606	Advanced Nursing Research	3
NUR 608	Issues in Health Care	3
NUR 620	Adv Pathophysiology I	2
NUR 621	Adv Pathophysiology II	2
NUR 622	Advanced Physical Assessment	5
NUR 663	Advanced Pharmacology I	2
NUR 664	Advanced Pharmacology II	2
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Courses at Shenandoah University		
NP 599	Pharmacology and Therapeutics Independent Study	1
PMH 645	Individual Therapy Theories	3
PMH 650	Individual Therapy Practicum	3
PMH 665	Group, Family, Community Theory	3
PMH 670	Group, Family, Community Practicum	3
PMH 685	Geriatric PMH Nursing	3
PMH 686	Child and Adolescent Nursing	3
PMH 695	Advanced NP Practicum in PMH Nursing	4
HP 576	Substance and Relationship Abuse	3
NP 690	Advanced NP Role Development	1
Total Credit Hours		52