R.N. — M.S.N. Program

An admissions moratorium is currently in effect for this program.

The RN to M.S.N. Completion Program combines baccalaureate and master’s degree programs for academically-talented nurses. It consists of two separate and distinct components: the B.S.N. component and the M.S.N. component. Upon completion of the B.S.N. program students may apply fifteen graduate credits toward the M.S.N. degree. Students must apply to Graduate Admissions and meet the requirements for admission as listed under Admission: Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). The Master’s of Science in Nursing can be earned after an additional twenty-one to thirty-four credits (course requirements vary by area of study) are completed. Requirements for the B.S.N. degree are listed in the Wayne State University Undergraduate Bulletin.

Admission: (An admissions moratorium is currently in effect for this program.) Students are admitted to this program through the regular undergraduate admission procedures, as set forth in the Wayne State University Undergraduate Bulletin. Students considering a M.S.N. program should contact the Office of Student Affairs at 313-577-4082 prior to planning your studies. Additionally, students must satisfy the following criteria required by the College:

1. Completion of College of Nursing Undergraduate application initially and the Graduate Application during last year of undergraduate study.
2. Completion of an associate degree or diploma in nursing with a grade point average (g.p.a.) of 3.0 or above.
4. Applicants pursuing the M.S.N. degree must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School, see Admission: Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). Students are required to have a grade point average of 3.0 or above at the time of application to the Graduate School.
5. Students are requested to have a Plan of Work to pursue a master’s degree.

Candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) must complete thirty-eight to fifty-three credits of study. All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College and the Graduate School governing graduate scholarship and degrees; see sections beginning under Graduate Academic Regulations (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and Academic Regulations for the College of Nursing (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/academic-regulations), respectively. Credits must be normally distributed as follows:

- Clinical or Practicum Nursing Sequence: Cr. 18-24
- Supporting Courses: Cr. 0-11
- Master’s Core and Research Courses: Cr. 13

All M.S.N. programs involve some particular major as enumerated in the list of College degrees under Graduate Degrees (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing). Majors currently available to satisfy these requirements are detailed below. Supporting courses or cognates, which are clinically specific, are predetermined by selection of the clinical (or non-clinical) nursing sequence and will be found as part of the major areas of study. Students should inquire about possible additional offerings. All programs are subject to periodic revision.

Nursing (M.S.N. Program)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School; for requirements, see Admission: Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). Additionally, students must satisfy the following criteria mandated by the College:

1. The applicant must have completed a National League for Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited baccalaureate program in nursing with a grade point average (g.p.a.) of 3.0 or above in the upper division course work. A qualified admission may be authorized if an applicant’s g.p.a. is between 2.80 and 2.99 and there is substantial evidence of extra-scholastic qualifications of such merit as to warrant special consideration.
2. Verification of professional competence as documented by three references.
3. Possession of a current Michigan Registered Nurse Licensure. All applicants educated outside the U.S. must be certified by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). Contact CGFNS (http://www.cgfns.org), 3600 Market St., Philadelphia PA 19104-2651 to request a certification application, or call: 215-222-8454. Verification of a student’s CGFNS certification must be forwarded to the State of Michigan Board of Nursing by the CGFNS in order to take the RN licensure examination.
4. A personal statement of goals for graduate study.
5. An interview with a faculty member may be requested.

There may be additional requirements in each of the specialty clinical major areas. Please refer to the major program and consult with a clinical specialty coordinator for specific requirements.

Application: All new applicants must submit the Wayne State University Application for Graduate Admission. Applications are available online (http://www.gradadmissions.wayne.edu). Applications, including all supporting documentation, must be received in the appropriate offices by the posted deadline dates. Deadline dates for submission of application materials vary by semester (please refer to the College of Nursing website (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-nursing/nursing-msn/nursing.wayne.edu) for more information).

Readmission

The master’s student who withdraws from the program in good standing for one or more years should contact their academic advisor and the Office of Student Affairs one semester prior to the semester for which re-enrollment is desired. Following a review by the M.S.N. Committee and the Office for Academic and Clinical Affairs, the student will be informed of the steps needed to qualify for readmission.

Revalidation of Credit: The College of Nursing reserves the right to revalidate all credits in the clinical nursing sequence which are over three years old or any other credits earned at Wayne State University which are between six and ten years old. Additional credits for degree completion may be required. Such authority rests with the M.S.N. Committee and the Associate Dean of Academic and Clinical Affairs.
All M.S.N. students must elect a series of courses that will prepare him/her to be competent in the utilization of research findings in practice. To develop these skills, the student completes courses in evidence-based nursing and/or biostatistics and epidemiology.

**Plan of Work:** With the approval of the advisor, the student and advisor develop and file a *Plan of Work* prior to completion of twelve graduate credits at Wayne State University. A student must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average in order to have a *Plan of Work* accepted by the Graduate Officer. Each *Plan* must include the course requirements for the clinical (and non-clinical) nursing sequence and intended degree. It is the responsibility of the student to meet with his/her advisor to file any changes in the *Plan of Work*.

**Time Limitations:** Students have six years to complete requirements. The six-year limit begins from the end of the semester during which the student has taken course work applicable toward meeting the requirements of the degree; this may occur before the student is regularly admitted to the major.