



The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies

Master of Science in Nursing

The Monmouth University MSN program prepares nurses for a variety of roles. Nursing faculty members believe that education at the master's degree level is essential to:

- provide the student with a broad knowledge base with a concentration in a selected area of specialization;
- develop justifiable confidence and proficiency necessary for advanced nursing practice;
- realize full potential through development of autonomy, leadership, and professionalism.

The MSN Program:

- prepares nurses by providing professional learning and activity to help them develop expertise in a defined body of knowledge arrived at through study of research and practice in selected areas;
- places the graduate student in relevant settings based on the advanced nursing role they have chosen to pursue;
- has faculty members who are experienced nurse practitioners, educators, and administrators; and
- provides individual attention for all students.

The MSN program is composed of three major areas:

1. a graduate nursing core that provides the theoretical and research foundation necessary for advanced nursing practice.
 2. a concentration that provides the student with the skills necessary to have a positive impact on healthcare.
 3. detailed study and practice in the selected area of specialization.
- You may attend either full or part time.

- Classes are scheduled to meet once each week.
- Some courses are offered entirely online, and others in a hybrid online/in-class style.
- You may transfer a maximum of nine credits of graduate work from an accredited school, provided the courses meet certain criteria.
- Monmouth University faculty members assist students in locating suitable preceptors for practicum experiences.

Tracks

Monmouth offers a variety of MSN tracks.

- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Education
- School Nurse
- Forensic Nursing

Requirements for Admission

The following requirements are necessary for admission into the MSN program:

- Possession of a BSN from an accredited program, with a minimum 2.75 GPA. RN students with a baccalaureate degree other than nursing may be admitted into the "bridge" program.
- GRE scores may be waived pending a minimum of a "B" (3.0) earned in each of the first four nursing courses of the program. Satisfactory GRE scores will be required to continue if a "B" is not earned in each of the first four courses.

- A personal statement (one to two pages) outlining professional goals.
- A current résumé.
- Two letters of recommendation from current employer documenting clinical experience.
- One year of clinical experience required to begin clinical specialty courses.
- A college-level course in health assessment (an appropriate continuing education course may be substituted at the program director's discretion). This requirement does not apply to the Nursing Administrator track.
- A current New Jersey RN license, a year of experience as a registered nurse, and proof of a current \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 liability and malpractice policy.

If a student does not have clinical experience within the previous two years, he or she is required to begin clinical practice during the first 12 credits taken in order to continue in the nurse practitioner track. It is expected that clinical practice will continue throughout the student's graduate program.

The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

After Acceptance and Prior to Starting Classes

All students, before beginning clinical experience, will be expected to have a physical examination with associated laboratory studies and criminal background checks, in accordance with the special requirements of affiliation contracts with clinical agencies.

For complete information on all master degree programs, post-master's and graduate certificates, and the DNP program, please visit www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing.