

MSN: FORENSIC NURSING

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate Nursing Core (12 credits)		
NU-508	Factors Affecting Healthcare ¹	3
NU-512	Nursing Research for Advanced Nursing Practice ¹	3
NU-514	Data Management for Advanced Nursing Practice ¹	3
NU-518	Education and Motivation of Nursing Clients ¹	3
Advanced Practice Concentration (15 credits)		
NU-521	Pathophysiology and Histology ¹	3
NU-524	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice ¹	3
NU-543	Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology ¹	3
NU-536	Advanced Health Assessment for Forensic Nurses	3
NU-577	Forensic Pathology ¹	3
Forensic Nursing Specialty (9 credits)		
NU-575	Issues in Forensic Nursing ¹	3
NU-576	Interpersonal Violence ¹	3
NU-578P	Forensic Nursing Practicum	2
NU-578S	Forensic Nursing Seminar ¹	1
Select one of the following:		0
NU-SANE	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	
	Medicolegal Death Investigation college level course	
	Continuing Education course of at least 40 hours	
Total Credits		36

¹ Must be passed with a grade of "B" or better.

Bridge Program for Registered Nurses

Registered nurses with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing can bridge into the MSN program by taking three upper-division undergraduate nursing courses (9 credits) at Monmouth University prior to taking courses in the MSN track of his or her choice. One of the three courses may be waived, at the program director's discretion if the student has already completed a college-level health assessment or an appropriate continuing education course.

RN to MSN Direct Program

The RN to MSN Direct Program is designed to allow nurses to quickly attain an MSN degree. Registered nurses who presently hold an associate degree or diploma in nursing will be able to earn an MSN degree without earning a baccalaureate degree on upon successful completion of courses totaling 150 credits. Students are accepted into the RN to MSN Direct Program as graduate students. Successful completion of the Undergraduate Nursing Certificate is a prerequisite for taking graduate nursing (NU) courses. See the *School of Nursing* (<http://catalog.monmouth.edu/graduate-catalog/marjorie-k-unterberg-nursing-health-studies>) section of the current graduate catalog for additional acceptance criteria. Depending on the selected MSN track, students are required to complete 30 undergraduate preparatory credits, and 36 to 48 graduate nursing credits, in order to earn a Master of Science in

Nursing degree, as stipulated by the State of New Jersey, students must document completion of at least 150 credits.

Admission Requirements

1. Possession of a BSN from an accredited program, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. RN students with a baccalaureate degree other than nursing may be admitted into the "bridge" program.
2. A current New Jersey RN license and one year of work experience as a registered professional nurse. For APN tracks one year of experience in the enrolled specialty track is required before beginning the clinical specialty practicum.
3. A personal statement (one to two pages) outlining professional goals.
4. Two letters of recommendation.
5. 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 Administration concentration.
6. Proof of a current \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 liability and malpractice policy.
7. Résumé.

RN to MSN Direct Program

Students who are interested in pursuing this program must apply to a Master of Science in Nursing program and fulfill all admission requirements after the completion of the Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing.