

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

1. What are the requirements that I need to be admitted to the program?

- A BSN from a nationally accredited nursing program.
- Current licensure as a RN
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of recommendation
- Completed application form (<http://net.unmc.edu/apply>). Apply under “graduate school.” Remember your password and once you’ve received your confirmation email, check it frequently to ensure that that all application materials arrive. UNMC will submit UNMC nursing transcripts but will only submit pre-requisite transcripts from other colleges if graduation from UNMC was in the last 5 years. All materials should be sent to the Office of Academic Records whose address is on the letters of recommendation form. *Do not send letters of recommendation or transcripts until you’ve applied.* You must request individual transcripts from all colleges that you attended. The exception is the U of NE system where you can request a change of campus request through an advisor.

2. What are the admission deadlines?

All application materials including transcripts and references should be in by June 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. The Family Nurse Practitioner and the Adult Health and Illness programs have a March 1 deadline requiring all application materials must be in. If you’ve been a *graduate student* at one of the U of NE campuses, the application fee is waived.

3. Is the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) required?

No. It will say that on the online graduate application but it is not required for the MSN program.

4. What will my admission interview involve?

Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. If you are unable, because of distance, to travel to one of the main sites, you may be interviewed by telephone.

6. Who should I ask to write my three letters of recommendation?

It is recommended that you ask professionals who are able to speak of your ability to succeed in graduate study. It is *not* required that the Dean of your school submit a letter and if you’re not a recent graduate, you do not have to use faculty for letters of recommendation.

7. How and where can I attend classes?

Core courses are delivered by a variety of technologies to our main sites in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney and Scottsbluff. In addition, other sites may be available for some of the specialties.

8. How often will I be expected to go to campus?

The specialties vary in the extent and methods of distance delivery and their requirements for coming to one of our main sites. Please contact the recruitment coordinator for details.

9. Can I attend part-time or full-time?

Either. The majority of our students are working and attend part-time. You will have five years to complete the program starting with the first required graduate course taken. Once admitted, you and your faculty advisor will develop an individualized plan of study. Full-time study is at least 9 credits /semester. Part-time students usually carry 3-6 credits/semester.

11. How many credit hours are required?

40 to 54 hours is the range for the MSN specialty areas.

12. Where will I do my clinical practice?

Every effort is made to identify an appropriate clinical placement with a qualified preceptor in your preferred geographic area. The faculty and you select clinical sites together. Scheduling of clinical learning experiences is negotiated between the preceptor and you.

13. If I live out-of-state, can I apply for a non-resident tuition waiver?

Non-resident tuition waivers may be available for out-of-state applicants. Please contact Larry Hewitt at (402)-559-5102 for more information.

14. Can I work in the college or get additional financial aid or scholarships?

You may apply to work as a graduate assistant in which you work 15 hours/week and receive free tuition and a monthly stipend. Full-time students may also apply for a federally sponsored traineeship in which you will receive a stipend. For information on either a graduate assistantship or an advanced education nursing traineeship, please contact Marian Marchand at (402)-559-4121.

The UNMC College of Nursing offers several specialty programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN.) Specialty areas include:

Adult Health and Illness

Oncology Advanced Oncology Nurse Practitioner & clinical nurse specialist (CNS)

Acute care nurse practitioner, Adult nurse practitioner & clinical nurse specialist

Family

Nurse practitioner

Family/Psychiatric mental health

Nurse practitioner

Gerontological/Geropsychiatric

Nurse practitioner & clinical nurse specialist

Health Systems Nurse Specialist

Community/public health

Nursing administration

Nursing informatics

Psychiatric Mental Health

Nurse practitioner & clinical nurse specialist

Women's and Children's Health

Women's health nurse practitioner & CNS

Pediatric nurse practitioner & CNS

Neonatal nurse practitioner

Additional information is available for each specialty. To request specialty sheets or more information, contact the recruitment coordinator, Dani Eveloff, at (402) 559-4110 or (800) 626-8431, ext. 9-5184 or Larry Hewitt at (402) 559-5102 or 559-4110.

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