

Nursing, MS

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The accelerated master's BSN/MS option is currently only available to ASU Online students.

Whether your goals involve advancing into leadership roles or expanding your knowledge base, our program is the key to unlocking career opportunities and growth. Develop essential leadership and management skills, empowering you to guide teams, navigate critical decisions and instigate positive change. Elevate your nursing career with us.

Program description

Degree awarded: MS Nursing

The MS program in nursing is ideal for nurses looking to gain advanced education and skills in the translation of concepts, practices and principles of leadership. The degree is designed for nurses who think about the future and are ready to take the next step in their career. This Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education-accredited program focuses on four key areas: evidence-based practice, patient safety and health care quality, informatics and leadership.

Coursework is delivered completely online, providing students with the flexibility to focus on both their education and career goals. Throughout the program, students learn about leadership, innovative thinking and interprofessional team collaboration, and they advance their skills in leadership, research, evidence-based practice, evaluation, critical thinking, health care quality and patient safety.

Students complete direct care clinical hours and a role-focused practicum that allows them to work with a preceptor in an area or role best suited to their career goals.

RN to MS in nursing option

Students who have an associate degree in nursing can consider pursuing ASU's online [RN to MS in nursing bridge](#) option.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online](#)

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Nursing, BSN](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (NUR 593), or

36 credit hours including the required applied project course (NUR 593) - RN to MS Bridge Program

Required Core (3 credit hours)

NUR 501 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Health Care (3) or HCI 538 Innovation and the Individual (3)

Other Requirements (24 credit hours)

DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)

NUR 502 Advanced Health Assessment and Health Promotion (2)

NUR 503 Advanced Health Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for Health Promotion II (3)

NUR 509 Clinical Prevention and Population Health Practicum (1)

NUR 521 Health Care Evidence, Informatics and Analysis (3)

NUR 529 Role-Focused Practicum: Patient Safety and Health Care Quality for the Nurse Leader (3)

NUR 544 Theoretical Foundations for Nursing (3)

NUR 547 Community, Global and Population Health (3)

NUR 548 Patient Safety, Health Care Quality and Informatics (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

NUR 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students in the RN to MS in nursing bridge program complete 36 credit hours for this degree. In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed above, these students must complete NUR 552 Dynamics of Professional Nursing I (3) and NUR 553 Dynamics of Professional Nursing II (3) before starting the

Master of Science curriculum. Proof of statistics completion with a C or better is required (applicants may be admitted to the program with a deficiency in statistics).

Statistics is a required prerequisite for all Master of Science in nursing programs.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in their associate degree nursing program or the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must be licensed as Registered Nurses and fulfill the admission requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. professional resume
5. written statement
6. proof of English proficiency
7. proof of statistics completion with a C or better (applicants may be admitted to the program with a deficiency in statistics)

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

Those applying only with an associate degree completed will need to provide a transcript that shows at least 72 earned undergraduate credit hours from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent, and students who are admitted with an associate degree will be required to complete additional coursework in their plan of study.

All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

Students residing in the following states are not eligible for enrollment in this program due to [state authorizations](#): Louisiana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Washington.

An interview with faculty may be required for applicants who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree or higher. Applicants who do not have a bachelor's degree are required to interview with faculty.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

With a master's in nursing, graduates are prepared for an advanced position or a leadership role in the field. Possible job titles after earning this degree include:

- charge nurse
- chief nursing officer
- clinical educator
- clinical nurse
- director of nursing
- lead nurse
- nurse manager
- nurse supervisor
- nursing faculty

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