

# Nursing (Nursing Education), MS

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Join us in shaping the future of nursing by shaping the skills, knowledge and compassion of future nurses. As a nurse educator, you'll share your wisdom and experience to help the next generation of care providers thrive in their nursing career. Become a nurse educator and make a lasting impact on the profession.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MS Nursing (Nursing Education)**

The country is experiencing a shortage of nursing faculty. This degree program, with a concentration in nursing education, prepares students to advance their career and achieve their goal of becoming a nurse educator in an academic or practice setting. During this program, students prepare to teach future nurses and nursing leaders. Program highlights include:

- academic and clinical assessment
- curricular design and evaluation
- curriculum and course development and delivery
- educational theory and research
- testing and evaluation, including evaluation methods

Coursework in the MS program in nursing is delivered completely online, providing flexibility for students to balance their education and their career.

Courses in this program are led by experienced nursing faculty and designed with active learning strategies. Throughout the program, students learn the key competencies of a master's degree-prepared nurse while they gain additional nursing education skills. Students complete direct care clinical hours and a role-focused practicum that allows students to work with a preceptor in an area or role best suited to their career goals (students can choose to work with a clinical educator or an academic educator during the practicum).

The curriculum meets the competencies outlined by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials.

## **RN to MS in nursing (nursing education) option**

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

## **At a glance**

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

## **Degree requirements**

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

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

### **Required Core (3 credit hours)**

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

### **Bridge Coursework (6 credit hours)**

NUR 552 Dynamics of Professional Nursing I (3)

NUR 553 Dynamics of Professional Nursing II (3)

### **Concentration (12 credit hours)**

NUR 670 Curriculum Development in Academic and Practice Settings (3)

NUR 671 Teaching in Academic and Practice Settings (3)

NUR 672 Design and Delivery of Mediated Instruction (3)

NUR 673 Producing and Evaluating Programs for Academic and Practice Settings (3)

### **Other Requirements (15 credit hours)**

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 544 Theoretical Foundations for Nursing (3)

NUR 579 Role-focused Practicum: Nurse Educator (3)

DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)

### **Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

NUR 593 Applied Project (3)

### **Additional Curriculum Information**

Students in the RN to MS in nursing (nursing education) bridge program complete 39 credit hours for this

degree. In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed above, these students must complete NUR 552 Dynamics of Professional Nursing I and NUR 553 Dynamics of Professional Nursing II before starting the MS curriculum.

## 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, bachelor's or master'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 applicants must have 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.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. resume
4. proof of completion of a statistics course with a "C" or better
5. proof of English proficiency

### Additional Application Information

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

Completion of a statistics course with a "C" or better (scale is 4.00 = "A") should be evident on the applicant's transcripts, although applicants may still be admitted to the program with a deficiency in statistics. Statistics is a required prerequisite for all Master of Science in nursing programs.

Applicants applying to the RN to MS bridge option (those who will not have a bachelor's degree in nursing conferred prior to enrolling in the MS in nursing program) need to provide a transcript that shows at least 72 earned undergraduate credit hours from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent in order to apply to the master's degree program.

An interview with faculty may be required for applicants who have a bachelor's degree in nursing or higher. Applicants to the RN to MS bridge option are required to interview with faculty.

Students who are admitted with an associate degree will be required to complete additional coursework in their plan of study.

Applicants must be able to verify U.S. citizenship or lawful immigration status. Applicants must live in or be able to come to an [authorized state](#) in the U.S. for any required clinical or practicum experiences.

**Licensure requirements:** Applicants for the Master of Science in nursing and Master Science program in nursing with a concentration in nursing education must meet one of the following criteria:

- Applicants must hold a current unencumbered RN license in an [authorized state](#) in which they plan to do clinical practicums.
- Applicants who have recently graduated from a BSN program must provide proof of a valid U.S. RN license before beginning any courses in the second semester of the master's degree program.

**Health and Safety Requirements:** Students recommended for admission must meet health and safety requirements by established deadlines, including a passing disposition on a background clearance, satisfactory completion of a substance screen, and other requirements as a condition of admission.

## 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.

## Application deadlines

### Fall

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## Career opportunities

The master's degree program in nursing education prepares students for a variety of careers in which they can help educate the future nursing workforce. Job titles include:

- charge nurse
- chief nursing officer
- clinical professor
- director of nursing
- faculty member
- lead nurse
- nurse educator

- nursing supervisor

Graduates also are prepared for career advancement.

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