

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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Available online and on the Jackson, Hendersonville, and Germantown Campuses

### Mission Statement

To prepare graduates for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.

### MSN Program Goals

- To provide masters nursing education that builds on one's previous nursing foundation.
- To prepare the graduate for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.
- To prepare advanced professional nurses academically for doctoral study in nursing.

### MSN Expected Student Outcomes

The graduate of the master's nursing program will be able to:

1. Incorporate theory and research in advanced nursing practice.

2. Assume leadership roles in one's speciality area of nursing to promote health and well being of persons in an intercultural world.
3. Integrate knowledge of health care economics and policy into the delivery of cost effective, ethically responsible nursing care.
4. Manage information using technology to influence nursing practice.
5. Demonstrate competency in the selected nursing practice.

### The Cohort Approach and Calendar

In the fall semester of each year the MSN Program accepts students in the Nurse Education, Nurse Administration, and Nurse Practitioner tracks. Groups pursue the degree as a cohort. This model emphasizes group cohesion, cooperation, and interactive support. Within semesters, some courses are of Completion of an ACEN or CCNE accredited and state-

approved nursing program according to track specific options. Applicants with a previously earned Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing must complete or show evidence of completion of the designated courses for the specific track or program.

3. Students dismissed from a graduate nursing program for academic, clinical, or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to Union University's Graduate Nursing Program. Students who have been enrolled in another program and withdrew or are still enrolled in good standing must have a letter from the program director or Dean stating that they are in good standing or withdrew while in good standing in order to be considered for admission to Union University's Graduate Nursing Program.
4. Last 60 hours cumulative GPA 3.0 on 4.0 scale (minimum).
5. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be submitted directly through NursingCAS.

Please do not send transcripts for non-traditional nursing programs to Undergraduate Admissions. Transcripts must be received by NursingCAS in a sealed envelope from all previous academic institutions attended. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be sent to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471.

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- students must provide WES evaluations of transcripts.
9. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicants capabilities for graduate study. One letter of reference must be from the applicant's current supervisor.
10. Completion of undergraduate statistics course
11. Cleared criminal background check
12. Clean drug screen

Additional requirements for the Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator tracks include a Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0

scale, defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and Statistics is preferred.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

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3.0 or greater during the following semester, the student will be dismissed from the graduate program.

Students will also be dismissed without opportunity for probation if they:

- Receive an “F” (i.e., any grade below a “C”) in any course
- Receive more than two “C”s in any non-track specific courses.

Students must make a grade of B or higher in all track specific and 700-level courses (excluding pass/fail courses) in order to progress in or graduate from the graduate nursing program. The program faculty recognize that situations may arise which prevent students from successfully matriculating through the program. Students who are concerned about their academic standing should contact their advisor. If it appears the student may not be able to achieve a minimum passing grade in a course they may be encouraged by the appropriate Program Chair to withdraw from the program. This can potentially prevent the student from acquiring an F on their Union University transcript if the dropped class occurs prior to the deadline listed on the academic calendar (“last day to drop a class”). All students who withdraw or who are academically dismissed from the program can reapply for admission. However, readmission is not guaranteed.

## Financial Information

### Tuition Rates (per credit hour)

RN to MSN Administration and Education	
Undergraduate courses .....	\$480
Graduate courses .....	\$630
RN to MSN Nurse Practitioner:	
Undergraduate courses .....	\$480
Graduate courses .....	\$630
MSN Administration and Education .....	\$630
MSN Nurse Practitioner.....	\$630
Post-Graduate Certificate	
Administration and Education tracks .....	\$630
NP tracks.....	\$630

Full payment for a term (winter, fall, spring, summer, or other non-regular term) is expected at the time of registration for classes.

Application Fee: .....	\$ 50
General Student Fee:	

**MSN, Education, Administration,  
Nurse Practitioner Tracks**  
**(Nurse Administration and Nurse Education  
Tracks available online; Nurse Practitioner  
Track available on Jackson, Germantown, and  
Hendersonville Campuses)**

- I. MSN Core Requirements—17 hours
  - A. NUR 515, 516, 523, 526, 533, 545, 559
- II. Education Track—41 hours
  - A. Complete the MSN Core (above)
  - B. BIO 500; NUR 507, 517, 537, 544, 607, 622, 538, 642
- III. Administration Track—39 hours
  - A. Complete the MSN Core (above)
  - B. Specialty: 525, 528, 535, 548, 572, 593, 615, 693A, 695B
- IV. Nurse Practitioner—46 hours
  - A. Complete the MSN Core (above)
  - B. Advanced Practice Core: BIO 500; NUR 544, 558, 600  
(Except Psychiatric Mental Health Track), 622, 650
  - C. All students are required to take an elective and may choose  
one of the following: NUR 507, 525, 529, 696/697.
  - D. Specialty
    - Pediatric: NUR 557C, 627C, 638C
    - Adult/Geriatric: NUR 557A, 627A, 638A
    - Family: NUR 547, 617, 639
    - Psychiatric Mental Health: NUR 566, 651, 652, 653, 654