Graduate Program Objectives

The Master of Science Program in Nursing prepares nurses who are able to:

1. Integrate theory, research, and experiential knowledge and evidence-based practice into advanced nursing practice.
2. Demonstrate competence in advanced nursing practice consistent with applicable professional standards.
3. Practice in the development of nursing science through evidence-based practice, research and theory.
4. Integrate relationships between social, cultural, political and economic issues and health care delivery.

Specialization Objectives

Graduates of the nursing education specialization will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate competence in developing, implementing, revising, and evaluating nursing curricula
2. Understand the impact of societal and technological changes on nursing education.
3. Apply education theory, research, and experiential knowledge in nursing education settings.
4. Utilize a variety of teaching strategies appropriately when assuming the nurse educator role.
5. Analyze assessment and evaluation processes as they relate to nursing education.

Master of Science Specialization

Nurse Education

Specialization Faculty

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Available Online!
Specialization Information

Embrace the incredible opportunities and rewards of educating nurses. The Nurse Education Specialization primarily prepares graduates for faculty positions in nursing education programs. Post-master’s certificate option also available.

In this program, you will:
- Study towards eligibility for the national certification as a Nurse Educator
- Enroll full or part-time
- Complete 37-39 credit hours of study
- In-state tuition for all distance courses, regardless of residency

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Review of the applications for the fall semester will begin July 16. Please inquire if you would like to start in an alternative semester.

Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the University of North Dakota is made to the Graduate School. The online application is found at [http://graduateschool.und.edu](http://graduateschool.und.edu)

Specialization admission requirements include:
- A baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an accredited Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited nursing program OR entry to this specialization is also available through the RN to MS track-see website [http://distance.und.edu](http://distance.und.edu). Graduates from non-accredited or foreign schools are evaluated individually.
- Undergraduate or graduate statistics course
- Minimum GPA of at least 3.00 for the last two years of baccalaureate study
- Current RN licensure in the United States
- One year experience as registered nurse preferred

Students may be admitted under the General Nursing admission option prior to formal admission to any graduate nursing specialization. Subject to the approval of the College of Nursing and Graduate School Dean, a maximum of 24 semester credits may be taken under this option and subsequently may become part of the student's program of study.

Suggested Nursing Support Elective Courses (6 credits total):
- N501 Complementary Therapies (3) Spring
- N523 Health Promotion (3) Spring
- N532 Family Nursing (3) Spring
- N550 Global Public Health Issues (2) Fall
- N556 Epidemiology (3) Fall
- N563 Education in Adv. Practice (2) Summer, Fall
- N572 Diverse Vulnerable Populations (3) Spring

Total Credits: 37-39

*Students may also enroll part-time.

**Non-Thesis Option

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