Master of Science in Nursing

Four tracks to choose from • Online or On Campus

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is designed for individuals aspiring to further their career in nursing. It provides experienced professional nurses with the education and skills needed to function in a rapidly changing healthcare environment that demands new and innovative approaches to nursing, health care delivery, management and education.

1. School Nursing
2. Nursing and Health Services Management
3. MSN/MBA
4. Nursing Education

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School Nursing

Today’s school population includes children with physical, psychological, and social diagnoses. Children with chronic or catastrophic conditions require the nurse to provide care for medically fragile children with multi-system involvement, utilizing a high level of nursing skills to support the children.

School nurses, who complete this program, will be better prepared with a specific, role-focused curriculum in school nursing.

Elms will offer this 41-credit program in an online synchronous platform with taped classes that will be archived for students to access asynchronously.

Nursing and Health Services Management

This 35-credit master’s track is designed to meet the challenging role and scope of the nurse manager’s practice in today’s healthcare delivery system. By integrating the essential knowledge and skills from both business and nursing, graduates are prepared for all levels of managerial and leadership positions within a variety of organizational and healthcare settings.

The program includes two unique and sequential practicum courses with a focus on interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and creativity in management.
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M.S.N. /M.B.A. Dual Degree Program

The dual degree is organized so students can earn two individual master’s degrees simultaneously. The degree can be completed in 64 credits and in approximately 35 months of full-time study.

The program creates a opportunity for nursing students to acquire knowledge and skills in nursing, health services and business management. The Accelerated Business Foundations course is designed for students who do not have a business background or for students who are interested in a refresher prior to starting their M.B.A. The course provides an overview in: accounting, finance, management, marketing, law, and economics.

Nursing Education

This 37-credit master’s track prepares graduates to educate the next generation of nurses by assuming leadership roles as dynamic educators in baccalaureate and associate’s degree programs, staff development, continuing education, and community education programs.

Students will create curricula, plan programs, explore evaluation techniques, and teach with experts. This track includes two sequential education practicum courses to facilitate the student’s transition into the educator role.
The MSN program at Elms College prepares graduates for the advanced nursing roles of nurse managers or nurse educators; and serves as a foundation for doctoral study.

**M.S.N. Admission Requirements**

**Prerequisites for the M.S.N. program include:**

- All applicants must be licensed as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts upon application or within the first semester of study. Admission requirements for the certificate programs are the same as those for the M.S.N. program.
- Minimum undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0, or completion of six graduate credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited school of nursing. (Non-baccalaureate nurses may enroll in this program through the R.N.-B.S.-M.S.N. option.)
- Successful completion of a three-credit statistics course with a final grade of at least C+.

**Application Procedures**

Elms College has a rolling admissions policy for graduate students. This eliminates specific deadlines for applications, which are accepted anytime during the year, but students are encouraged to apply early.

To download an application, go to: www.elms.edu

**Certificate Programs**

We offer three certificate programs designed to provide advanced coursework in specialty areas for bachelor's or master's-prepared nurses seeking to expand their competencies as nurse managers or nurse educators. The certificate is equivalent to 12 graduate credits, which are transferable to an M.S.N. degree if matriculation occurs within two years of completion of the certificate.

**Non-Matriculated Students**

Students can take up to three (3) courses prior to applying to the M.S.N. program.

**Transfer Credits**

Upon approval from the program director, a maximum of nine (9) credits from accredited institutions of higher education can be accepted into the M.S.N. program.

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