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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)—Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (A.P.R.N.) program at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) offers the opportunity for a registered nurse (R.N.) with a baccalaureate degree (B.S.N.) to prepare for advanced-level nursing practice related to the primary care of families and individuals throughout the life cycle in primary care settings.

The program may be completed in eight terms of full-time study. Coursework includes 15 credits of core classes that are consistent for all M.S.N. graduates plus an additional 37 credits focused on advanced clinical content (28 credits theory and 9 credits clinical practice) for a total of 52 credits required for track completion.

Beginning in the fourth term of the program, students engage in population-specific, direct patient care under the direction of a program-approved preceptor. A total of 540 hours of directed clinical practice in primary care is required wherein the student is expected to apply and synthesize knowledge gained from all courses.

Students completing the program are eligible to apply for certification as a family nurse practitioner (FNP). All M.S.N. courses are taught by faculty members with advanced preparation and extensive experience in the area of specialization. An assigned faculty adviser is available for individualized program advisement.

The program is based at the NSU Palm Beach Student Educational Center and is presented in hybrid format, meaning that some courses are totally online, while others are presented as a mix of online and on-site. The amount of time spent on-site is dependent on each specific course.
M.S.N. PROGRAM GOAL

The graduate program builds on baccalaureate education and prepares graduates for advanced roles within the discipline of nursing.

M.S.N. PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Graduates of the M.S.N. Program will be able to

1. exhibit leadership through collaboration to promote quality and safety for improved patient outcomes

2. transform clinical and educational practice through the integration of evidence

3. design innovative strategies to improve practice environments

4. incorporate knowledge of ethical and legal issues relevant to advanced nursing roles

5. advocate for equitable health care policies that improve population health

6. promote a culture of lifelong learning embracing professional nursing standards and values
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER TRACK OUTCOMES

Students successfully completing this track will be able to

1. design evidenced-based advanced nursing care for the target population

2. integrate theory, evidence, clinical judgment, and interprofessional perspectives to improve health care outcomes for the target population

3. employ information systems technology and interprofessional collaboration to optimize safe and cost-effective health care outcomes

4. develop, implement, and evaluate clinical prevention and population health activities within the scope of practice
# M.S.N. Course Requirements

## Core Required M.S.N. Courses

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**Total Core Courses**  
15
# M.S.N. FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER COURSES

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<td>NSG 5560* Primary Care of Women</td>
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<td>NSG 5570 Mental Health Across the Life Span</td>
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<td>NSG 5580* Primary Care: Pediatrics/Family</td>
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<td>NSG 5590* Primary Care: Integration Practicum</td>
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*60 practicum hours per credit

**Total Family Nurse Practitioner Courses** 37
1. Complete application, which will include a nonrefundable, $50 application fee. Access the application online at www.nova.edu/nursing.

2. Candidates must submit all application documents and transcripts by July 1 for consideration for the August entering class and by November 1 for consideration for the January entering class.

3. Applicants must submit official college or diploma-based transcripts of all completed coursework and all recommendation forms to the NSU Enrollment Processing Services. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent to the address below.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Nursing, Office of Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

4. If applicant attended, or is a graduate of, a foreign institution, all coursework from the foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institutional equivalence. The official evaluation must be sent directly to NSU from the evaluation service. For evaluations, please contact one of the following:

World Education Services: www.wes.org
Josef Silny & Associates: www.jsilny.com
Educational Credential Evaluators: www.ece.org

5. Two recommendation forms must be completed by individuals other than relatives (suggested sources are professors and academic advisers). Have accurate contact information for these individuals ready to be entered online during the application process.

If, at any time, an applicant chooses to withdraw the application from consideration, he or she should do so in writing.
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE

Prospective M.S.N., Advanced Practice Registered Nurse students are selected for admission based on application content, academic record, professional nursing licensure, and evaluation forms.

Admission to the program requires

1. a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) program of nursing

2. a B.S./B.A. GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

3. current, active state of Florida nursing license
   (The license must remain active, without discipline, throughout the program.)

4. completion of a college-level statistics course (from a mathematics department) with a grade of C or better

5. a completed application with a writing sample, two recommendation forms, and the application fee

6. official transcripts from each university or college attended

Start Dates: August and January*
Length: Eight terms—full-time study
Degree: M.S.N.

For further information, call the nursing admissions office at (954) 262-1101 or 877-640-0218.

*Students who enter the M.S.N. program without a B.S.N. will only be allowed to enter the program in August. They will be required to enroll in NSG 4900 Bridge Course in Nursing Concepts in the first semester of admission to the M.S.N. program.
Tuition for 2012–2013 is $550 per credit hour. Tuition for 2013–2014 will subsequently be posted on our Web site (www.nova.edu/nursing/msn). An NSU student services fee of $900 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Acceptance Fee—$200. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering, first-term class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due at registration, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.

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ACCREDITATIONS

The NSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (AACN/CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, telephone number: (202) 887-6791.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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