

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

YOU'RE ALREADY A MASTER AT NURSING. NOW BECOME AN EXPERT IN PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL!

"Healthcare" isn't just what happens behind closed doors in hospitals, clinics, or pharmacies... But yeah, you probably already knew that. The truth is that real healthcare is about protecting the wellbeing of our local communities and our society as a whole.

The idea behind this concentration is to give you a new perspective on health. A perspective that not only focuses on what you can do as a nurse within your workplace; but also what you can do outside your organization as well. What is the history of public health nursing? How can public health data be used to keep people safe? With a **Master of Science in Nursing**, with a concentration in **Public Health Nursing**, you can answer these questions and many others.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To show nursing students the ways in which they can integrate public health perspectives into their day-to-day practices.
- To teach students how to inspire and guide healthcare service teams with a focus on innovation, evidence, and diversity.

THE JOB PROSPECTS

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that in the upcoming decade, nursing jobs in general will increase by over 221,000. A significant portion of that belongs to RN's who work within the public health sector.

But what kind of jobs are there available for Public Health Nurses? Nurses who specialize in this area are in charge of promoting public health, usually by educating people on the early symptoms of disease or managing chronic health conditions.

In other words, this mainly leads to opportunities to work with the federal government in special programs. These can include public health screenings, immunization clinics, blood drives, or a variety of other community outreach programs.

EDUCATION LEVEL

MASTER'S DEGREE

In order to complete a concentration in **Public Health Nursing**, participants will have to enroll in all MSN courses. Later on, the concentration will require additional classes. These subjects include the Foundations of Public Health Nursing and the Application and Interpretation of Public Health Data. This concentration culminates with a final project known as the Public Health Nursing Capstone.

Students who pursue this program must complete 36 graduate level semester Credit Hours. This **MSN** concentration has an estimated completion time of 12 months.

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(36 Graduate Level Semester Credit Hours – Estimated Completion Time 12 months)

Students enrolled in the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) must complete the following for graduation:

- 15 credits from the core courses,
- 12 credits from the technical courses,
- 6 credits from the concentrations,
- 3 credits for the final capstone project.
- Complete the three (3) co-requisite courses.

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS
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Core Courses (15 credits)

MHS 510	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3 credit hours
MHS 520	Human Resources Management	3 credit hours
MHS 530	Principles of Healthcare Financial Management	3 credit hours
MHS 540	Legal & Ethical Consideration in Care Coordination	3 credit hours
MHS 550	Community Health	3 credit hours

Technical Courses - 12 Credits

Evidence—Based Practice (6 Credits Required): Choose two courses from the below

HSA 635	Methods of Health Care Negotiations & Conflict Resolution	3 credit hours
HSA 649	Research Project – Community Health	3 credit hours
HSA 581	Public Health Administration	3 credit hours
MSN 503	Professional Nursing Practice	3 credit hours
MSN 590	Evidenced-based Practice Project	3 credit hours

Health Analytics (6 Credits Required): Choose two courses from the below

HSA 581	Public Health Administration	3 credit hours
MSN 630	Healthcare Data Management and Analytics	3 credit hours
MSN 645	Performance Improvement and Quality	3 credit hours
PHN 619	Application and Interpretation of Public Health Data	3 credit hours

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Concentrations (6 Credits Required)

Concentration in Health Informatics

HCI 604	Healthcare Informatics and Technology	3 credit hours
HCI 617	Electronic Health Records: Analysis of Clinical Information Systems & Application to Nursing Practice	3 credit hours

Concentration in Nursing Education

NUE 605	The Role of the Nurse Educator	3 credit hours
NUE 618	Curriculum design, development, assessment and evaluation in Nursing Education	3 credit hours

Concentration in Public Health Nursing

PHN 606	Foundations of Public Health Nursing	3 credit hours
PHN 619	Application and Interpretation of Public Health Data	3 credit hours

Concentration in Leadership & Administration in Healthcare Systems

HCL 607	Healthcare Quality and Safety Management	3 credit hours
HCL 620	Leadership & Decision Making in Healthcare: Leading the Future of Healthcare	3 credit hours

Final Research Project – 3 credits

MSN 710	Capstone Project	3 credit hours
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Degree requirements (3 co-requisite course):

All students must complete the three co-requisite courses as part of the requirement for graduation.

LIS 400	Information Resources for Academic and Professional Success	3 credit hours
LIS 500	Scholarly Writing and Research Strategies	3 credit hours
LIS 700	Research Methodology	3 credit hours