Master of Science in Nursing

School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

Designed for graduates of accredited BSN programs and experienced nurses seeking additional education, the MSN program at Holy Family University allows students to complete a 30-credit (10 courses) MSN in advanced nursing courses with a focus on quality, safety, and leadership. The 30-credit MSN is designed in accord with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) MSN Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing (2011) to prepare nurse leaders in a variety of nursing specialties.

Academic Program
Students will advance their clinical skills through a variety of experiential activities. Graduates of the MSN program are prepared to progress to advanced practice programs at the doctoral level e.g., DNP/Nurse Practitioner programs, PhD programs, EdD programs, or to post-master’s certificate programs.

Courses are held once a week in an eight-week blended format. Non-cohort classes are held at Main campus, conveniently located at 9801 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19114. Cohort opportunities are available at your work location at discounted tuition. A cohort is a tight-knit learning community of students, usually 15-20, enrolled throughout the entire academic program. Contact 267-341-3327 to learn more about MSN cohorts.

Courses
Students are required to take 10 three-credit courses for a total of 30 credits to complete the degree.

- NURS 601 – Theoretical Basis for Nursing
- NURS 606 – Professional Ethics: Theory & Practice for Advanced Nursing Practice
- NURS 607 – Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- NURS 608 – Advanced Statistics for Health Care Professionals
- NURS 609 – Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice
- NURS 610 – Advanced Pathophysiology
- NURS 611 – Advanced Pharmacology
- NURS 612 – Advanced Physical and Health Assessment
- NURS 614 – Health Policy, Organization, and Financing
- NURS 615 – Quality and Safety in Health Care

Post Master’s Certificate Programs
- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Education

Program Goals
- Provide a graduate nursing curriculum that is tailored to address current and future global health care needs and issues in a variety of health care settings.
- Prepare graduates for nursing practice in advanced capacities.
- Provide a foundation for certification in selected specialty areas of nursing and doctoral study.

For More Information
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Admission Requirements
Applicants must possess the following qualifications for admission to the MSN program.

- A BSN from an NLNAC- or CCNE-accredited nursing program at a regionally accredited institution;
- or
- An RN from an NLNAC-accredited program with a BS or BA in a related area may be admitted, but must meet BSN equivalent competencies* in nursing leadership, research, and community health as prerequisites to certain courses.
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or better (must be completed prior to enrolling in graduate research courses).
- An undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may be admitted on a probationary basis. Students admitted on probation will be considered for full admission after satisfactory completion of six credits of graduate coursework with a grade of B in each course.
- Two professional references (former faculty member, an employer or supervisor, or a professional colleague).
- Licensure as a registered nurse in the US.
- Application with fee.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
- A 250- to 500-word personal statement concerning the student’s interest and reason for applying.
- Professional résumé.

*BSN Equivalent Competencies
Students admitted without BSN degrees must complete the BSN equivalent competencies as prerequisites to specific courses:

- Research prior to enrolling in NURS 508
- Leadership prior to enrolling in NURS 505
- Community health prior to enrolling in NURS 507

Please mail or submit all application materials to the Graduate Admissions Office:
Holy Family University
Graduate Admission Office
9801 Frankford Avenue
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Accreditation
Holy Family’s graduate nursing programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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