



## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Designed for graduates of accredited BSN programs and experienced nurses seeking additional education in nursing. Our Rapid Degree MSN program allows you to complete a 30-credit (10 courses) MSN in advanced nursing with a focus on quality, safety, and leadership. This program 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

Advance your skills through a variety of experiential and clinical 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 format that blends face-to-face evening meetings with online learning.

- On-site cohorts are held in the evenings at Main Campus, 9801 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19114.
- Off-site cohort opportunities are available at your work location with discounted tuition. *A cohort is a tight-knit learning community of students, usually 15-20, enrolled throughout their entire academic program. Contact 267-341-3327 to learn more about MSN cohorts.*

### 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.

### Post Master's Certificate Programs

- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Education

### MSN Course Requirements

#### 30-credits (10 courses)

- 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 (*clinical*)
- NURS 615 – Quality and Safety in Health Care (*clinical*)

Our Non-Discrimination Statement can be found at [hollyfamily.edu/ndstatement](http://hollyfamily.edu/ndstatement) or call 267-341-3479.

## Admission Requirements – Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

You must possess the following qualifications for admission to the MSN program.

- A BSN from an NLNAC-, ACEN-, CNEA-, or CCNE-accredited nursing program at a regionally accredited institution;

or

- An RN from an NLNAC-, ACEN-, CNEA-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 and application fee. (Fee is waived for alumni.)
- 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 608
- Leadership prior to enrolling in NURS 614
- Community health prior to enrolling in NURS 607

**Please submit all application materials to [rapiddegree@holyfamily.edu](mailto:rapiddegree@holyfamily.edu) or postal mail at:**

Graduate and Professional Studies  
Holy Family University  
9801 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19114

## 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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