



DEGREE OFFERED

Master of Science in Nursing with an option in education for the preparation of Clinical Faculty

CERTIFICATE OFFERED

Post Master in Education for preparation as Clinical Faculty

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Nurses with a baccalaureate degree in nursing and interested in becoming prepared as clinical faculty with a master degree can do so by attending classes once a month (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Students must complete 36 units with 16 of those units devoted to core classes that all MSN students must complete and 20 units of education courses for those enrolled in the clinical faculty option. The program is two years in length with December and the summer off. Those who already have a master degree but want to become clinical faculty can do so by completing the option courses and becoming certified. Instruction is provided by qualified faculty (most of whom have a doctoral degree) and in an environment that is supportive of adult learners and their busy lives. All of the programs have accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor of Science in Nursing. If you have a bachelor's degree in another field you are eligible for the Pathway program.
- Current RN license
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended

CURRICULUM

The education option courses cover subjects such as, learning theories, teaching strategies, curriculum development, clinical evaluation and test construction, and advanced health assessment. There are also two clinical courses where the student will learn how to assign, direct, and evaluate undergraduate students who are learning to be nurses. A major feature of all the programs provided by Holy Names University faculty is the time and attention provided to each learner. Each student will be provided with an advisor and access to resources on campus through Blackboard (a software program that can be reached from any site). Communication between students and faculty is continuous by the use of e-mail and Blackboard. Up to six units of required coursework, completed at the graduate level elsewhere, can be transferred for credit if equivalency can be demonstrated. However, all clinical coursework must be completed at Holy Names University.

Core Courses Required of all MSN Students (16 units)

- NURS 211 Theoretical Basis and Philosophical Foundations of Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
- NURS 212 Health Care Law and Ethics (3)
- NURS 214 Health Promotion and Risk Reduction of Diverse Populations Across the Life Span (3)

- NURS 216 Social Impact of Healthcare Economics in a Changing Healthcare Environment (3)
- NURS 217A Scientific Inquiry (2)
- NURS 217B Capstone Course (2)
- Requirements for Clinical Faculty Option (20 units)**
- NURS 240 Advanced Health Assessment (3)
- NURS 240L Advanced Health Assessment Lab (1 units)
- NURS 261 Concepts and Theories of Learning for the Nurse Educator (3 units)
- NURS 262 Teaching Strategies (3 units)
- NURS 263 Evaluation and Test Construction (3 units)
- NURS 264 Curriculum Development (3 units)
- NURS 265A Practicum I (2 units)
- NURS 265 B Practicum II (2 units)

Evaluation of the student's performance in the clinical courses occurs 1-2 times a semester and is determined by assigned faculty in consultation with the student's preceptor. Successful completion of the core courses and the students' selected option are required for graduation with a Master of Science Degree in Nursing.

Post Master in Education for preparation as Clinical Faculty

Holy Names University offers a Post Master Clinical Faculty Certificate program of study for registered nurses with a master degree in nursing. Qualified applicants must have a MSN, MN, or MA in nursing from a nationally accredited agency such as the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program consists of seven courses which includes 20 units of graduate study. Clinical requirements include assignments to clinical sites with a qualified preceptor. A maximum of six units of coursework completed at the graduate level elsewhere can be transferred for credit toward the certificate if equivalency can be demonstrated. However, all preceptor supervised hours of study must be completed at Holy Names University.

Required Courses (20 units)

- NURS 240 Advanced Health Assessment (3 units)
- NURS 240L Advanced Health Assessment Lab (1 units)
- NURS 261 Concepts and Theories of Learning for the Nurse Educator (3 units)
- NURS 262 Teaching Strategies (3 units)
- NURS 263 Evaluation and Test Construction (3 units)
- NURS 264 Curriculum Development (3 units)
- NURS 265A Practicum I (2 units)
- NURS 265B Practicum II (2 units)

Pathway program to the Master of Science in Nursing, the Nursing Education option, students who have a RN license and have earned a bachelor degree in a non-nursing field of study and are interested in enrollment in the MSN with an option in Nursing Education may meet the entrance requirements for the MSN program by completing the Pathway Program. For enrollment in the Nursing Education option students need to complete the following courses at the undergraduate level of nursing before admission to the MSN program:

NURS 131 Health Assessment (3)
NURS 141 Nursing Research (3)
NURS 142WL Family and Community Health Nursing I (3)
NURS 142L Family and Community Health Nursing Lab (3)
NURS 152 Family and Community Health Nursing II (3)
NURS 153 Healthcare Economics (2)

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