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Master of Science in Nursing
Nurse Educator

Program Information

Given the ongoing shortage of nursing faculty, the job outlook for those seeking careers in nursing education is bright. There is a growing demand for individuals needed to teach in schools of nursing, hospitals, public health agencies, and other settings. The Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator degree is designed to accommodate the working nurse who desires an advanced degree in nursing.



Program Highlights:

- The MSN-Nurse Educator is a 38-credit hour program of study that can be completed in full-time or part-time tracks.
- Students are admitted in fall and spring semesters and can complete the program in six consecutive semesters, including summer terms by taking 6-7 credit hours per semester.
- The program of study must be completed in five years as measured by the first semester of enrollment through degree completion.
- The degree program also prepares the graduate to pursue a doctoral degree.

About Methodist College

With educational roots dating back to 1900, Methodist College offers a well-credentialed faculty and small class sizes, along with direct, hands-on training in clinical environments. You can go to school part-time or full-time, and even live in our spacious student housing complex. Methodist College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the baccalaureate nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Required Courses

Total credit hours required in the Nurse Educator track of the MSN program equals 38 credit hours. (See insert for specific courses)

Practicum and clinical hours are based on 15 weeks per semester and are calculated as 1 credit hour = 3 clock hours. For example, Advanced Health Assessment includes 1 credit hour of theory and 1 credit hour of clinical for a total of 45 clock hours of clinical.

Our Location:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have time for a graduate program?

Understanding the program structure and completion time requirements up front is important to setting your expectations. With time, focus, and support from your family, successfully completing a graduate program is very achievable.

What are the academic expectations?

Students are expected to earn a B or above in all attempted graduate degree courses.

Is financial aid available for graduate students?

Do not assume that a graduate nursing degree is beyond your means. Many scholarships, grants, and loan programs are available to nursing students pursuing advanced education.

Is the program structured to transition students seamlessly into a doctoral nursing program?

Yes. Though further study may not be a current goal, ensuring easy articulation may facilitate and inspire future doctoral level study.

How to Apply

- Submit a completed graduate program application including a writing sample as specified by the instructions.
- Pay a non-refundable Application Fee.
- Provide evidence of having earned a baccalaureate degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution with a nationally accredited program in nursing.
- Have a current unrestricted license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Illinois.
- Submit official transcripts from all previously attended post-secondary institutions of education.
- Submit a favorable letter of reference from a professional contact.
- Submit a favorable letter of reference from a personal or academic contact.
- Have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a baccalaureate degree or cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for the last 60 hours of baccalaureate studies.

All requirements for admission to the master's program must be met before students will be considered for acceptance into the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator program.

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